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Best's past best

DON'T shed tears for Middlesbrough over the George Best affair. They should have known better.

If Middlesbrough had taken the trouble to ring Billy Bingham or Sir Matt Busby they would have avoided dropping yet another clanger in a miserable season for them.

Either Northern Ireland's manager or the Manchester United President would have advised them to abandon their plans to secure George Best's services.

They would have ignored the Irishman's notorious unreliability and confined their remarks simply to Best's standard of play.

And their message would have been simple and brief, pointing out that George Best is no longer First Division material.

SHOOT view!

Anyone who knows anything about football could tell the Middlesbrough board that the genius that was George Best perished *before* he played the last of his 361 League games for Manchester United.

The booze and high life destroyed the Irishman's playing career at the game's highest levels almost a decade ago.

A brief flirtation with Fulham confirmed growing fears that Best was finished. His form is acceptable in the lower standards of the North American Soccer League but if Middlesbrough believed that Best would slog it out in midfield to help lift them from the relegation zone they must be living in cloud cuckoo land.

Middlesbrough's manager Bobby Murdoch was furious when Best left them in the lurch. "He has damaged his image once again," said the Scot.

Blame Best if he likes. It is Middlesbrough who should be blamed for believing that George Best is still good enough to play First Division football.

Let's remember George as he was — one of the greats, perhaps the greatest British player of all-time.

ENGLAND goal hero Paul Mariner is learning to live with the criticism that seems to accompany the famous England number nine shirt.

Even after firing the all-important winner against Hungary at Wembley to book England's passage to the World Cup Finals next summer, the Ipswich striker found he was still very much in the firing line.

Just days after celebrating his best-ever moment as an international he was shocked to find his picture in a national newspaper with a big black cross through it, clearly suggesting that Mariner should be axed before "España '82."

"That offended me," he admits, "because I was being written off by someone whose opinion on the game I don't respect."

Mariner is desperate to prove the critics wrong and remain in front of the other contenders breathing down his neck as they queue for places in Ron Greenwood's final 22-man squad.

He adds: "If anything, the criticism makes me all the more determined to succeed. In a way I suppose it motivates me because it reminds me there is always someone waiting to take over if I fail."

"There will always be competition for places at this level but as the man in possession it's up to me."

"I don't take anything for granted, of course, because I still have to prove myself between now and the end of the season if I'm to make that trip to Spain."

Mariner has won 18 senior caps since his £240,000 move from Plymouth Argyle in October, 1976, and he has scored a total of six goals.



Mariner (no. 9) scores the only goal against Hungary in England's crucial game at Wembley, but he now faces a stiff challenge from big Cyrille Regis (left).

While his effort against the Hungarians was without doubt the pick of the bunch, it should also be noted that he was on target in earlier Wembley qualifying ties against both Norway and Switzerland.

The 28-year-old striker is not the first to suffer at international level.

He says: "It seems to go with the job. If you wear that number nine shirt you can expect a hard time. I can remember even when Bob Latchford was playing well

England place.

"Paul has that extra class which is needed at international level and he has proved with his displays in Europe with Ipswich that he has all the qualities of a top-class striker."

Mills adds: "I couldn't believe it when he was criticised after the Hungary game. He put everything into it and won as many tackles as any of the defenders. That feature of his performance should not go unnoticed."

"He deserved the applause for

'I'M THE TO LEAD

Paul Mariner



Trevor Francis, another contender for England's centre-forward role.

alongside Kevin Keegan and scoring goals everyone wanted him out.

"There's little you can do but accept the opinions and try not to let them get you down. I have enough confidence in my own ability to know that I'm capable of doing the job. And I don't think I've done badly up till now."

Mariner, plagued by injury problems after his Wembley winner and absent from the Championship-chasing Ipswich side for several games, is not the old fashioned centre-forward many fans still believe to be the answer.

His club captain and international colleague Mick Mills explains: "Paul is an all-rounder. He has excellent ball control, he can lay it off well, he can beat opponents and one of his main strengths is his ability in the air."

"I believe he established himself as our number one striker last season and if he can maintain that form I don't see him losing his

scoring the goal but his commitment and willingness to drop back and pressurise the Hungarians defenders when they had the ball was just as important in the end."

Mariner is confident England's qualification will remove a great deal of the pressure surrounding Ron Greenwood and the players.

'Freedom'

"I can see us playing with a lot more freedom now we've made sure of a place in the Finals," he says. "It was a very tense situation before the Hungary game because we knew it was our last chance."

"I know there are a lot of people who say we've got no chance over in Spain but I really believe we can make an impact. I think it's about time we proved we're as good at international level as we have been at club level in England over the past few years."

The Ipswich star is well aware of his main rivals for that England



18 GAMES AND SIX GOALS FOR ENGLAND

30.3.77	Luxembourg (sub.)	5-0	
28.5.77	Northern Ireland	2-1	
12.10.77	Luxembourg	2-0	one goal
13.5.78	Wales (sub.)	3-1	
20.5.78	Scotland	1-0	
17.5.80	Wales	1-4	one goal
20.5.80	Northern Ireland (sub.)	1-1	
24.5.80	Scotland	2-0	
31.5.80	Australia	2-1	one goal
15.6.80	Italy (sub.)	0-1	
18.6.80	Spain (sub.)	2-1	
10.9.80	Norway	4-0	one goal
19.11.80	Switzerland	2-1	one goal
25.3.81	Spain	1-2	
30.5.81	Switzerland	1-2	
6.6.81	Hungary	3-1	
9.9.81	Norway	1-2	
18.11.81	Hungary	1-0	one goal

MAN ENGLAND?

answers his critics

place and singles out Cyrille Regis, Peter Withe and Garry Birtles as the leading contenders along with Trevor Francis if he can shake off his injury problems.

But he adds: "I'm not going to be spending my time looking over my shoulder and worrying about anyone else. My main priority has to be my own form once I can put all my own injury worries behind me.

"I've not really been fully fit at any stage this season and the only cure was to rest. I picked up a groin strain and was forced to visit a specialist about a stomach injury that was causing me a great deal of pain.

"With these problems cleared up I'll set about helping to win something with Ipswich and at the same time show I'm the man for England. The way I see it every player has to fight for his place.

"Just because I helped in the qualifying games I don't regard myself as an automatic choice and the same applies to everyone else.

Qualifying was one thing, but now we've got to think about winning the competition."

As he prepares to meet his biggest challenge Mariner recalls the help he received from the great Jimmy Greaves, that prince of goalscorers. "He gave me some good advice and I haven't forgotten it," he says.

"I was going through a lean spell when I was missing a few chances and Jimmy called on me. He told me not to worry as long as I was getting in a position to miss them.

"When I was a kid I idolised Jimmy and I value his opinion. I've got more to offer than just being a target man and I don't panic if the goals are hard to come by."

Mariner, third behind Ipswich team-mates John Wark and Frans Thijssen in last season's PFA Player of the Year poll, sees Spain as his opportunity to be remembered long after his playing days are over.

But in the meantime he just wants the chance to go there . . .



Jimmy Greaves, whose advice has been valuable to Paul.

TWO former Celtic stars are playing a big part in Clydebank's challenge for the Scottish First Division Championship. Although Motherwell are out in front, Clydebank have slipped in to join the pack at the top of the League thanks to Sammy Henderson who is coaching the first team and Tom Callaghan who looks after the reserves.

Clydebank have been without a manager since Bill Munro departed in August. But results have improved since the Bankies were beaten 7-1 at home by Motherwell, the team they are now trying to catch up on.

FOURTH Division York City have parted company with their manager, former Nottingham Forest striker Barry Lyons.



UNITED LAUNCH YOUTH SCHEME

RON Atkinson (right) upstaged Manchester United shareholders contemplating the thought of criticising the club's big spending at the annual meeting by announcing plans to develop youngsters at Old Trafford.

His statement was warmly received by shareholders who remember United's successful youth policy in the past.

Atkinson explained his plan: "All managers work under pressure of trying to achieve immediate success. I felt this was particularly important to Manchester United when I was appointed last summer. I spent a lot of money very

quickly. I did two years' buying in the short space of three months.

"In the halcyon days of Manchester United there seemed an endless belt of young players being produced who were all quality players.

"Lately the world beaters simply have not materialised. I don't think



it is anybody's fault.

"I want to improve things by seeing if we can get a few more home produced youngsters coming through to first team level.

"It might save us a few bob and I know the fans always like to see youngsters who have started as juniors finally making the grade."

BRAVE JEFF FIGHTS ON

AXED Birmingham goalkeeper Jeff Wealds (left) has adopted the sort of attitude, which if followed by others, could help to put sanity back into the transfer market.

Wealds was dropped to make way for youngster Tony Coton. But he won't be rushing in to manager Jim Smith's office demanding a transfer.

He said: "There is no point in leaving since I happen to be under contract. Obviously, the only thing I can do is try my utmost to win my place back."

SOUTHAMPTON, who made a record £1 million loss in 1980, achieved a dramatic financial recovery in their trading year which ended on July 31, 1981. They made a profit of £533,000 brought about by a big increase in season ticket revenue.

Watching the purse strings

AS ENGLAND's World Cup hopes seemed to be crumbling last year, there was a lot of talk about greedy players and players not earning their huge wages.

Now, as preparations for Spain get under way, the players' pool will be watched closely by a public eager to see that there is fair play — and that what happens off the field doesn't interfere with the priorities... on the field.

The man in charge of the England players' pool is Harry Swales, Kevin Keegan's agent, who was approached by the players three years ago to handle their affairs.

Committee

He knows he walks a tightrope. "When I was asked to help out, I insisted on forming a players' committee. Ray Wilkins, Kevin Keegan, Trevor Brooking and Mick Mills discuss everything with me before it goes before the F.A. for ratification.

"We set standards, not targets. I wouldn't become involved with anything that didn't project the proper image of England.

"There isn't a fortune to be made out of a players' pool. Yet the more successful we are the more charities will benefit, youth football will benefit and there could be more jobs for people in factories if Bulldog Bobby gets off the ground."

The England players are also looking for a record, to follow in the footsteps of "Back Home" 12 years ago.

NEWS DESK

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STRIKER Alan Brown is in demand after his goalscoring feats while on loan to Newcastle.

The Sunderland player scored three goals in his first three games for the St James' Park side.

Newcastle have first option on Brown, but could have trouble raising the £100,000 Sunderland want for him.



MORAN GOAL MAGIC

STEVE Moran needs little encouragement to describe the greatest goal he has scored in a brief but glittering start to his soccer career.

The 20-year-old rates his superb solo effort for Southampton against Leeds in November the finest of the 32 goals he scored in his first 57 games.

The goal helped to sink Leeds without trace, 4-0 to be precise.

Steve recalls the moment he received possession on the halfway line.

"By the trainers' dugout to be precise. I rode the first tackle from Trevor Cherry and the Leeds defence seemed to open up.

"The space was there so I went for it. By then I was committed to go all the way and I beat Paul Hart and Frank Gray

before rounding John Lukic and tucking it away.

"That goal gave me great personal satisfaction, but the most important won the game the following week against Liverpool (above).

"To get the winner at Anfield is every striker's dream. People ask me if I was nervous when Kevin Keegan put me clear in those last three minutes.

"Looking back, I saw it as a heaven-sent chance, one I was really determined to put away."

Moran's goal sent Liverpool sliding to a 1-0 defeat.

The Southampton striker's coolness in front of goal suggests he could go to the top if he maintains the progress he has made since his debut in January, 1980.

Share of things to come?

AFTER the plastic pitch comes the shared super-stadium. Suddenly English soccer is moving towards the 21st Century with gathering pace.

When Bristol Rovers move in to Ashton Gate, home of neighbours Bristol City, next season they will put to the test an idea which has been discussed in every English city which has more than one League club.

The two Third Division sides have agreed to share a home because Rovers face eviction from their own Eastville Stadium. The site, which the club does not own, is to be sold for development.

It won't be the first time Rovers have played "home" matches at Ashton Gate. Last season they moved across the River Avon for five matches after a fire burnt down their main stand.

The amalgamation could be accompanied by the second artificial playing surface in the Football League.

Negotiations are going on with three companies.

NEWCASTLE boss Arthur Cox is pleased with the progress made this season by 18-year-old Wesley Saunders, who must rank as one of the most versatile youngsters at St James' Park.

"Saunders made his debut at Chelsea this season and his displays augur well for the future," says Cox.

Saunders, who played left-back at Chelsea, has also performed as sweeper and in midfield.

Boost for falling gates

THE Football League have taken the unprecedented step of appointing a sponsorship, promotional agency to help re-vitalise the fortunes of football in the 80's.

CSS Promotions Limited have been selected by the League to help reverse the trend of falling gates, to improve the game's image, and to research and implement new income-earning opportunities for all the 92 clubs.

League Secretary, Graham Kelly, commented: "It is no use pretending that all is well with Britain's number one national game. We are obviously deeply concerned not only about falling gates, but also the causes. The game has lagged behind other sports — cricket for example — in exploiting its commercial worth and we are confident that together with CSS we can inject new money and new ideas into the sport for the benefit of all the clubs. Not just the big ones."

Robson's promise to Steggles

MANY 20-year-old defenders would be discouraged to the point of departure by the prospect of being at the same club as five international back-four players. Not so Kevin Steggles.

With George Burley, Terry Butcher, Allan Hunter, Mick Mills and Russell Osman at Portman Road, Steggles first team opportunities have been limited. But he is prepared to bide his time.

Steggles explains: "Of course I'd like to be in the team regularly. And, of

course, it is my ambition to become an automatic choice.

"But Ipswich is where I want to make my career. So I am prepared to be patient. When all the players are fit, I do not expect to be in the first team. But one day I intend to be."

Sweet words, indeed, to the ears of manager Bobby Robson. He says:

"Kevin is a vital member of our squad. When a chance has arisen in the first team, he's acquitted himself extremely capably."

"He's been playing superbly in the

reserves. He's strong, quick and good, both in the air and the tackle. One day he will hold a regular place in the team — regardless of whether other players are injured.

"I believe Kevin has no urge to leave Ipswich. We treat them well and give them a good apprenticeship. That is why so many players stay here for ten or 15 years."

Steggles had spent several years at Ipswich as a schoolboy, then became an apprentice, before eventually signing professional in December, 1979.

CASSIDY BOOKS WORLD CUP TRIP

BURNLEY's Tommy Cassidy knows he must only steer clear of injury to be in Spain for the World Cup Finals.

Cassidy was told before Northern Ireland's vital qualifying match against Israel that he would certainly be going to Spain if they qualified.

So he was more delighted than anybody when Gerry Armstrong's goal booked their place. "It must be the greatest moment of my career," said the former Newcastle midfielder.

It was a double celebration for Cassidy, who played an important part in Ireland's win — it was also his 30th birthday.



Villa boss heeds Taylor's warning

RON SAUNDERS, Aston Villa's manager, now understands what Nottingham Forest's Peter Taylor meant when he said that winning the First Division was easy. Holding on to it was more difficult.

Villa have surprisingly struggled to show their best form. On occasions they have lacked the services of such players as skipper Dennis Mortimer and Gary Shaw.

This explains why Saunders is keen to add to his squad and did not deny an interest in Derby County's David Swindlehurst.

The former Crystal Palace striker is Derby's main asset at the moment and they would be tempted to part to solve their current financial problems at the Baseball Ground.

FORTY-UP

AT last Pat Jennings will be playing in the World Cup Finals. The popular Arsenal and Northern Ireland goalkeeper seemed destined to miss out on soccer's biggest tournament but now, at 35, he is just months away from his debut in the Finals.

Most people would say 1982 represented Pat's last chance. Not his international captain Martin O'Neill, though.

"The way he is performing I can see him playing at the highest level until he's 40," says O'Neill. "It's a tremendous bonus for us to glance back and see Pat in goal."

Cowdrill joins the queue

BARRY Cowdrill (right, with Gary Owen), West Bromwich Albion's full-back, is the latest Hawthorns star to slap in a transfer request.

The unsettled defender claims he has no future at Albion playing in the shadow of first choice left-back Derek Statham.

Albion's manager Ronnie Allen remains coolly detached from all the trouble despite his key position.

He says forcefully: "Any player who does not want to play for Albion can go when we get the right offer."

"I have said that all along and I see no reason why I should change my view."

Other Albion stars on the transfer list include Tony Godden, Brendon Batson, and David Mills. John Deehan was loaned to Norwich and Gary Owen is reported to be unhappy.

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More details on page 39.

Peter Stewart
EDITOR

Cally's pulling pints



EX-LIVERPOOL stars Ian Callaghan and Geoff Strong are back in the game together — in a public house.

The heroes of Bill Shankly's side of the 60's have teamed up again.

They've taken over the lease of the 300 year-old Golden Lion Hotel in the village of Rainford, Merseyside.

"We've been on the lookout for the right pub for two years. It's been hard work but we think we've created a top class place," says Callaghan, aged 39, who has played more than 900 games in a career spanning two decades.

Geoff, who retired from top class football nine years ago, went into business designing and fitting pub interiors.

"It was the perfect partnership. Ian's been in the insurance business so we both knew what we wanted," said Geoff, 41.

Callaghan holds the record for the most senior club appearances in the history of English football after beating Terry Paine's record.

Briefly

● Is there no end to the number of English-born players prepared to declare for Eire?

Millwall manager Peter Anderson has recommended his goalkeeper Peter Gleasure and midfielder Andy Massey to Eire manager Eoin Hand.

Both players are under 21, but the problem is that Eire don't have many games at this level and the lads will have to wait to make their debut in the full international side.

● Of the United Kingdom's three Spanish-bound World Cup managers, only Northern Ireland boss Billy Bingham has played in the Finals of the competition.

Indeed, of the managerial trio, only Ulsterman Bingham, who helped his countrymen reach the Finals of the 1958 tournament, in Sweden, has actually played at top international level. Neither Ron Greenwood nor Jock Stein appeared for England or Scotland, respectively in their big-time careers.

● Raith Rovers made a net profit of £80,000 due largely to a surplus of more than £60,000 on transfer fees last season. The Kirkcaldy club have also set aside £175,000 for improvements to Stark's Park and they also hope to receive £115,000 in grants from the Football Ground Improvement Trust.

● Hibs defender Craig Paterson is the club's Player of the Year and received his trophy from the Hibs' Supporters Club at a recent function.

● Stockport gave Nigel Smith his fourth game in five years against Torquay.

● Middlesbrough have not signed Larus Gudmundsson, the leading goalscorer in Iceland, after a trial. The 19-year-old Icelandic international is keen to break into British football.

Manager Bobby Murdoch says: "Gudmundsson has potential but we cannot afford to wait. We want someone to stick the ball in the back of the net now."



SHOOT: Dino, 1982 sees your 40th year — have you discovered the secret of eternal youth?

ZOFF: My form is good, that is the only secret. It is the view of the coaches at Juventus and the Italian team. Otherwise, they would tell me I must go. Physically, I am as good as I ever was, even though I have taken things a little easier in training as I have become older.

SHOOT: How would you assess your form with that of, say three or four years ago?

ZOFF: I feel I am playing as well as I was three years ago, but much better than when I was 30. I have experience now and that is most

SHOOT: Who are the new young Italian players you have high hopes for?

ZOFF: The ones I mentioned are the obvious ones — Dossena, a fine midfielder player, and Collavarti, a central defender. But as I said before, Cabrini and Rossi are so young that they must become even better players in time. All of Italy has high hopes for them in the future.

SHOOT: You've already experienced different World Cup atmospheres. How has international football changed since you made your debut?

ZOFF: The big difference is — all the sides are stronger now. When I first played for Italy, sides like Denmark, Norway, Switzerland and Turkey would always be beaten. Now that does not happen. Any side can beat any other side in today's international football. It has all levelled off; it is not easy to win anywhere, or beat anyone any longer. Perhaps only Cyprus and Luxembourg are left of the weak nations.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Luxembourg 0, Yugoslavia 5
Yugoslavia 2, Denmark 1
Luxembourg 0, Italy 2
Denmark 0, Greece 1
Italy 2, Denmark 0
Italy 2, Yugoslavia 0
Denmark 4, Luxembourg 0
Greece 0, Italy 2
Greece 2, Luxembourg 0
Luxembourg 0, Greece 2
Yugoslavia 5, Greece 1
Luxembourg 1, Denmark 2
Denmark 3, Italy 1
Denmark 1, Yugoslavia 2
Greece 2, Denmark 3
Yugoslavia 1, Italy 1
Italy 1, Greece 1
Yugoslavia 5, Luxembourg 0
Greece 1, Yugoslavia 2
Italy 1, Luxembourg 0

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Italy.....	8	5	2	1	11	2	12
Denmark	8	4	0	4	12	10	8
Greece ...	8	3	1	4	10	13	7
Luxem. ...	8	0	0	8	1	23	0



SPAIN 82 WORLD CUP CAPTAINS

No.2 DINO ZOFF Italy

important for a goalkeeper.

SHOOT: Does it annoy you that people invariably mention your age?

ZOFF: No, not at all. They can talk of my age with my approval if I am still playing for my club and country when I am 45. I shall not mind!

SHOOT: Have you thought about retiring?

ZOFF: No, I must admit it has never occurred to me to retire. If my body had been tired, I would have considered it a great deal. But I believe my body is not yet ready to retire.

SHOOT: How would you assess the chances of Dino Zoff leading Italy in the 1982 World Cup Finals?

ZOFF: It is my last great ambition in the game to lead my country to success in the World Cup Finals. It would be a marvellous thing and a great satisfaction personally. But I do not know whether it can happen. We came close to success in Argentina and maybe we should have done better. This time it will be even more difficult.

SHOOT: Are Italy stronger or weaker than in 1978?

ZOFF: We did very well in Argentina in 1978. Not many people expected the European sides to succeed in South America, but Italy and Holland both did well. I hope our side will be stronger in Spain in 1982. We have some good young players coming through — players like Dossena, Ortiz and Collavarti. They are very good and, remember, Rossi, Cabrini and some others are still young. So maybe we shall be stronger.

SHOOT: Can Italy win the World Cup?

ZOFF: I hope so, but it is very difficult to win the World Cup. Argentina will be strong again, Brazil are stronger than they were in 1978, West Germany are going to be good and Spain cannot be ruled out. There are four sides maybe better than us.

'Retire? I've never

SHOOT: Would you say the quality of football is as good now, or worse?

ZOFF: There is not as much skill as there was. That is because it is not as easy to play with skill as it was ten years ago. It is more equal, there is better technique generally and if you have skill, you are not allowed to 'play' much these days. There is much more emphasis on method and the system.

SHOOT: How has goalkeeping changed?

ZOFF: Goalkeepers have an easier life than they used to. We do less work because nowadays defenders are better. They help us much more than they used to.

Sides defend in greater numbers, too, in modern football so the goalkeeper often does not even touch the ball for long periods, even when a side is defending.

SHOOT: It is said there are fewer individuals around now — do you agree and, if so, why is this?

ZOFF: Yes, I think this is true. Today, I cannot see players like Pele, Cruyff, Puskas, Seeler and others. I believe it is because teams are what matter in modern day football — not individuals. Players must play to the pattern of their team. There is not the room for footballers to do what they wish on the field. They have duties

and are therefore just part of the team. Until that changes, I cannot see great individuals being produced.

SHOOT: The 1980 European Championship was not of a high standard — why was this?

ZOFF: The lack of goals and the absence of individual players of high skills. Holland had produced great players and great goals during the 1970's. They were a good example of what has happened to the game — they were a poor side in Italy. There were good players, but that was not enough. There were not players with great skill, which

THE MANAGER Enzo Bearzot

FOLLOWING Italy's disastrous 1-0 victory over Luxembourg in their last 1982 World Cup qualifier Enzo Bearzot was so upset he thought about resigning.

Italy's World Cup campaign had not been over-successful, even though they qualified.

They lost 3-1 in Denmark and cracks were beginning to appear in the team that traditionally gave nothing away.

But it seems that Bearzot will soldier on, despite criticism from the Press and supporters.

Marking

As a player Bearzot made only one appearance for the national side. He was given the job of marking Ferenc Puskas in a Hungary/Italy game played in Budapest in November, 1955.

Puskas scored the first of Hungary's two goals... and Bearzot was out, his international career over before it had barely begun.

Born on September 26th, 1927, Bearzot was a midfielder marker with Pro Gorizia, Inter Milan, Catania and Torino before beginning his management career as assistant to Rocco at Torino.

Then, after a spell at Prato in 1968, the Italian authorities asked him to help Valcareggi in the running of the Youth and Under-23 teams.

After producing technical reports on the 1970 and 1974 World Cups, he was named assistant to national coach Bernardini in 1974.

Bearzot was one of a three-man management team (with Vicini and Bernardini) appointed in 1975.

Finally, on October 8th, 1977, Bearzot became sole manager of the Azzurri — Italy's national team.

He led the Italians to fourth place in the Argentina World Cup in 1978 when Italy surprised people with their attacking football in the early games before reverting back to their traditional style later on.

In 1980 Italy hosted the European Championship Finals and were expected to at least reach the Final, but a lack of punch in attack meant the best they could do was fourth place again, losing a penalty shoot-out to Czechoslovakia.

Bearzot is hoping that Paolo Rossi can quickly find the magic he showed before his suspension.

Italy desperately need Rossi's magic up front, but as he's been out of soccer for two years, returning only in April, Bearzot may need to look elsewhere for a miracle.





everyone wanted.
SHOOT: Do you think the World Cup will be better?

ZOFF: Yes, I do, but not because everything is so good in European football. The South Americans will be there and Argentina and Brazil will bring great players, players who can still excite supporters. They will make the Finals much better.

SHOOT: There are 24 Finalists — is this good or bad?

ZOFF: It is a good thing. Standards are levelling out around the world and the greater number of Finalists will give smaller countries the chance to develop their football. Some smaller nations may do well. I believe the Finals in Spain will be much better than the 1978 tournament in Argentina.

SHOOT: Which international side has impressed you most in the past year?

ZOFF: West Germany. They are the best organised, they have the best system and players.

SHOOT: What are the advantages



West Germany (left, white shirts) will be a major threat in Spain. Giuseppe Dossena (above) is a young player to watch in this year's World Cup Finals.

and disadvantages of being hosts?

ZOFF: I think Spain will feel pressure on them from their people. Every Spanish supporter will want his country to win the World Cup. Of course, it brings much interest to the game where the Finals are being played. That is a good thing. But for the players of the host nation, there is always so much pressure.

SHOOT: What is the situation regarding Paolo Rossi?

ZOFF: Paolo is suspended, as you know, for most of the season. He is a Juventus player but cannot play in the side until the suspension finishes near the end of the season. But he can play in the last three League games of the Italian season. Then, he is free and available for the World Cup Finals.

SHOOT: Do Italian fans realistically expect you to WIN the World Cup?

ZOFF: There is always too much pressure on the Italian players. We must play well and win the tournament. It is a problem because it is asking so much of all the players.

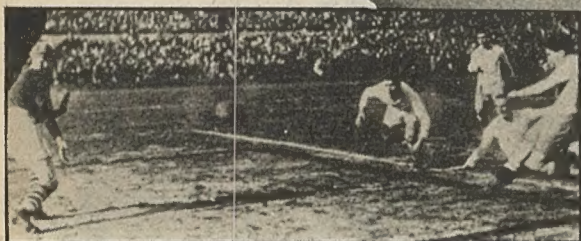
SHOOT: If you do, surely it will be your last World Cup?

ZOFF: Oh, yes, I would be happy enough if I finished my last World Cup holding the trophy. But we must play very well to achieve that and there is much work ahead before that can happen.

thought about it'



**NEXT WEEK:
 IVO SURJAK
 (Yugoslavia)**



Stabile scores for Italy against U.S.A. in the 1934 World Cup Finals.

ITALY'S WORLD CUP RECORD

Year	Opponents	Result			
1934	U.S.A.	7-1	1970	Sweden	1-0
	Spain	1-1		Uruguay	0-0
	Spain	1-0		Israel	0-0
	Austria	1-0		Mexico	4-1
	Czechoslovakia	2-1		West Germany	4-3
1938	Winners		1974	Brazil	1-4
	Norway	2-1		Runners-up	
	France	3-1		Haiti	3-1
	Brazil	2-1		Argentina	1-1
	Hungary	4-2		Poland	1-2
1950	Winners		1978	France	2-1
	Sweden	2-3		Hungary	3-1
	Paraguay	2-0		Argentina	1-0
1954	Switzerland	1-2		West Germany	0-0
	Belgium	4-1		Austria	1-0
1962	Switzerland	1-4		Holland	1-2
	West Germany	0-0		Brazil	1-2
	Chile	0-2	Fourth place		
1966	Switzerland	3-0			
	Chile	2-1			
	U.S.S.R.	0-1			
	North Korea	0-1			

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LEAGUE CUP 5th ROUND PREVIEW

TIES TO BE PLAYED NEXT WEEK

had some incredible results in the F.A. and League Cups and they've climbed their way up the League.

There have been signs that Ipswich have found the form that almost took them to the Championship last year.

"Our form in the first-half against Everton in the Fourth Round was the best we've played all season," said Robson after their

3-2 victory. "At times it seemed as if we had 15 players out there."

Watford have men of experience in Pat Rice and Gerry Armstrong. They have the potential of John Barnes and Kenny Jackett.

Yet Ipswich want to win a domestic trophy badly. Somehow the U.E.F.A. Cup was almost a

Kenny Jackett (right), one of Watford's exciting youngsters.

consolation for 1980/81.

They have so many potential match-winners... men like Paul Mariner, Frans Thijssen, Eric Gates and John Wark.

But Watford have reached the last four of this competition before, and with promotion a

No fears for Watford

IPSWICH manager Bobby Robson knows that his team is capable of beating anyone on their day. When Ipswich hit top form — which they haven't too often this season — they're unstoppable.

But the Ipswich boss can't have been overjoyed at being paired with Watford. The Hornets have

IPSWICH TOWN v. WATFORD

strong possibility it will be interesting to see if they can hold their own against the best teams in the Football League.

It should be a memorable tie, with Ipswich winning a place in the Semi-Finals.

More nice ones from Cyrille

ASTON VILLA v. WEST BROM

jersey. Come June, the big, black West Brom man could have overtaken the Villa centre-forward.

Villa are finding that being Champions isn't easy. They haven't yet managed to soak up the sort of pressure involved as Liverpool have.

Their road to the Fifth Round has not been without hiccups. It needed a last gasp Withe goal to finally bury brave Wigan.

West Brom have had a mean look about them in the League Cup. They could just win it.



West Brom's in-form striker, Cyrille Regis.

RON Saunders is not a manager to be frightened easily. But when the Villa boss looks at Cyrille Regis' scoring record this season he must be slightly worried. The West Brom striker has struck around 20 goals so far, with a 12-in-10 sequence recently. He already has four League Cup goals to his credit.

At the moment Peter Withe may be second choice to Paul Mariner for the England number nine

Young's absence could be vital

LOOKING at Spurs' unimpressive home record, their best chance of progressing could be after a replay at the City Ground!

Forest came to White Hart Lane in October and were soundly beaten 3-0. So poor were Forest and so lacking in attacking ideas, that one cynic remarked they were lucky to get none!

But Forest are never more dangerous than when the odds are stacked against them. They rarely play as badly twice and they're certainly a better team now than they were in October.

SPURS v. NOTTM. FOREST

Their big problem is in defence, where centre-half Willie Young is Cup-tied following his transfer from Arsenal.

Forest don't have adequate cover, and even though the forwards have been on strike in terms of goals, this may still be the deciding factor.

It's a fascinating tie. Spurs have tended to either win or lose this season — and at home they've lost too often.

We're taking them to win this one by a whisker, though.



Tottenham (white-shirts) on the attack during their 3-0 League win against Forest this season.



Liverpool eliminated Arsenal in the previous round.

'Poor' Liverpool won't slip up

LIVERPOOL v. BARNSELY

"WE might... just might see little old Barnsley at Wembley," said Manchester City manager John Bond after his team's 1-0 defeat by the Second Division team.

Barnsley, under the guidance of former leg biter Norman Hunter, have done well in their return to Division Two.

But Liverpool rarely fall prey to giant-killers. They may not be the team they were a season or two ago, and they may have disappointed against Flamengo in the World Club Championship.

Yet they keep bouncing back. 1981/82 could turn out to be a 'bad' season for them, with 'only' one trophy at the end of it.

Craig Johnston has given the attack more bite. Sammy Lee, back after injury, makes Liverpool more solid in midfield.

It'll be a great experience for Barnsley and chances are there won't be many goals.

Yet it is difficult to bet against Liverpool at Anfield, even in a 'poor' season.

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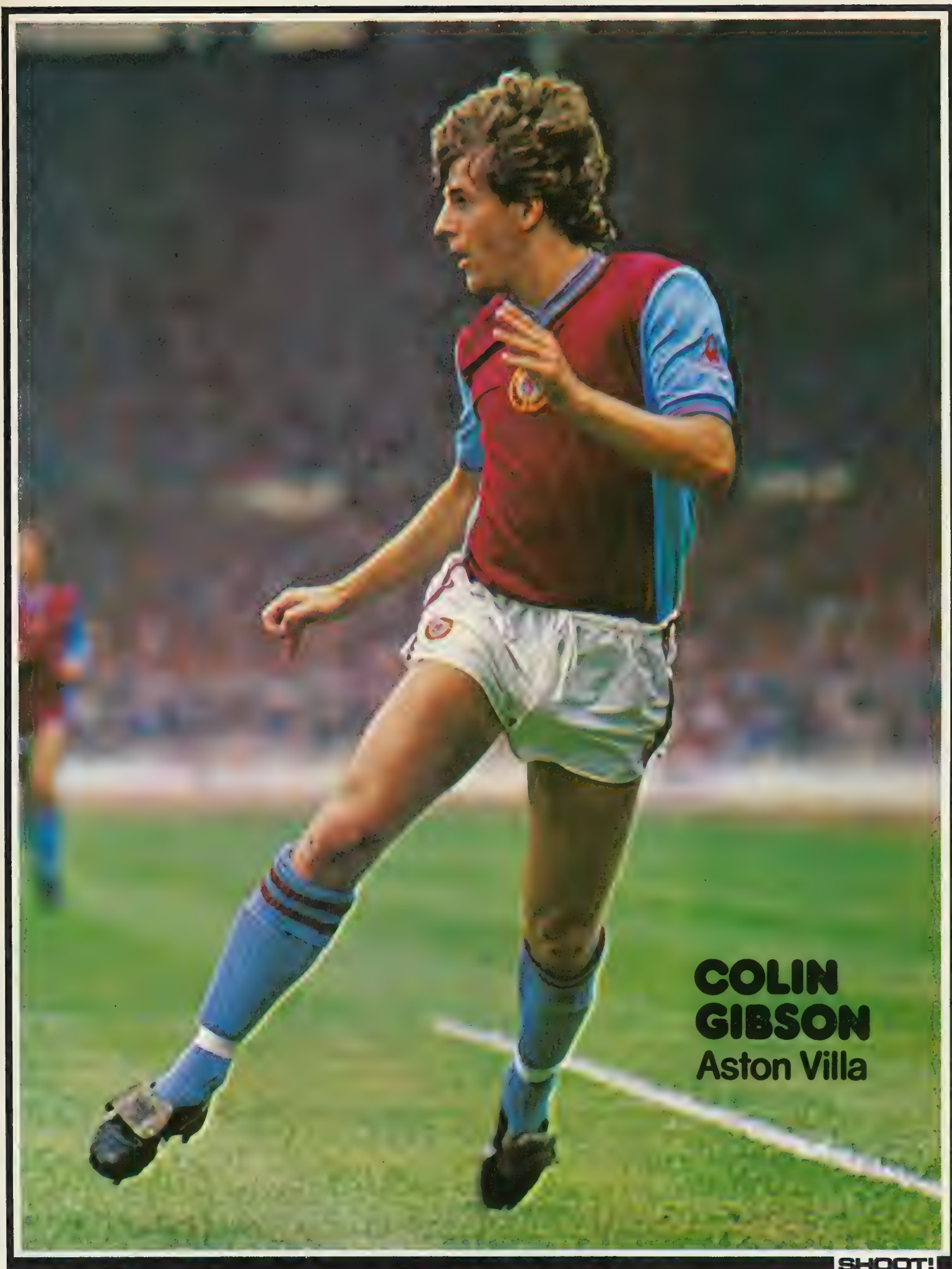
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He left Liverpool for Spurs,
fired with the ambition to add to his
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A HAT-TRICK OF AWARDS FOR RAY CLEM!

RAY CLEMENCE'S personal "swingometer" of fortune shot from one extreme to the other in the months of September and October.

Life registered an all-time low when he struggled to make the impact he'd hoped for in goal for his new club, Tottenham Hotspur.

Then, in a remarkably short space of time, he found himself the proud, delighted owner of three individual awards, something unique in his experience.

"Each was presented by a leading newspaper," he said, as he produced them from one of the illuminated display cabinets that line the wall of the dining room in his elegant detached house in one of the most exclusive parts of Hertfordshire.

The glittering assortment of trophies and mementoes, in a variety of fascinating designs and colours, would form a compelling backdrop in any high class jeweller's shop.

"The first is a 'Golden Glove' award from *The Star* to commemorate my keeping four clean sheets in a row of League games.

"The second is a bit extra-special because it's the 'Bill Shankly' award given by *The Sun* to the person judged to have contributed most to the game in a particular month.

"Shanks was the Liverpool manager who brought me from Scunthorpe to Liverpool in 1967, and I owe him a big debt of gratitude. The game lost a true 'great' when he died earlier this season.

"Strangely enough, the choice fell between another Shanks'

signing, Kevin Keegan, and me. And my save against Kevin's penalty kick in our League match with Southampton was the decider.

"The third award was for being chosen 'Player of the Month' by the *Evening Standard*. The awards made me feel that I had been accepted in this part of the world, that I belonged."

Had the transition from North to South been difficult for the Skegness-born 'keeper?

"I felt unsettled at first, living in an hotel for several weeks, but through staying down here with Liverpool and England over the years I'd known what to expect.

"But I was worried about how my wife Vee would cope. Being Merseyside born and bred, with a big family and a large circle of friends, she shed buckets of tears at having to uproot herself and our

three children — Sarah, Julie and Stephen.

"And she'd got the impression that Southerners are a bit cold and distant. It was a smashing surprise when she found them just as warm and friendly as Northerners.

"Our neighbours helped us move in and often do child-minding when we go out for a quiet meal with friends or to a

function, often in London."

Stepping out on to his imposing porch, Ray pointed to a large, cream coloured house at the top of his attractive street.

"A lot of players live in this area. Several from Arsenal — that's Alan Sunderland's place. And Pat Jennings and David O'Leary are nearby. My Argentinian team-mates Ricky Villa and Ossie Ardiles are on an estate a few miles away. So I'm never short of company."

How does London compare with Liverpool as a soccer centre?

"In Liverpool you can't get away from football. It's in the very air you breathe. Just about everywhere you go there you'll



Ray with his *Evening Standard* award.



The former Liverpool 'keeper is playing well for Spurs. At home with his family — Julie, wife Vee, Stephen and Sarah.

bump into fans who recognise you and expect you to talk football.

"London is a vast place and there are so many counter attractions for people. But I'm gradually getting to know the familiar faces who follow Spurs about the country and in Europe for the Cup-Winners' competition.

"They tend to be just as fanatical as Liverpool fans, although far more critical.

"They have a tradition of picking on a player and giving him stick. Terry Yorath, for instance. I believe he was never accepted by the White Hart Lane supporters.

"I'm lucky. Even after I let four

goals in against West Ham on my home debut, they gave me a chance, and now I get on very well with them.

"I seldom encounter fans from other London clubs, but when I do they'll often rib me. Not unpleasantly, though."

Now that he's able to study them more closely, how does Ray rate the other two First Division teams in the capital?

"West Ham are very similar to Spurs inasmuch as they play the sort of skilful, flowing game that most fans like to see.

"Arsenal, the club we're drawn



His Hertfordshire home.



against in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup at our place — are very well organised yet seldom serve up really thrilling football.

"Even their famous 1971 'double' side, that won the Championship and beat us in the F.A. Cup Final, weren't exciting.

"I'm convinced a lot of Highbury supporters would drift away if Arsenal were relegated. They wouldn't show the same loyalty as Spurs and West Ham fans when their teams dropped down in the 70's."

Last season Spurs had a reputation for a slackness in defence reflected in a poor "Goals against" column. The introduction of Ray has undoubtedly helped rectify the balance, as his "Golden Gloves" award testifies.

"Because of the artistry of our strikers and midfield men, our defenders tended to ball-watch, to spectate. That left space for the opposition to exploit. My sergeant-major ear-bashing forces them to concentrate. Now our

back-four is more like Liverpool's."

Are there any other similarities between the style of Spurs and Ray's former club?

"No. Liverpool play to a strict regime. There's a drill for every situation. Here at Spurs, our midfield men and strikers are encouraged to be individuals, to do their own thing."

Ray's immediate ambition and long term plans are to help Spurs win a Cup — perhaps the Cup-Winners' Cup trophy and the Championship.

"To win the First Division title we need quick recoveries by several key players from injuries. We had so many sidelined for the postponed game against Liverpool, we would have problems assembling a strike force.

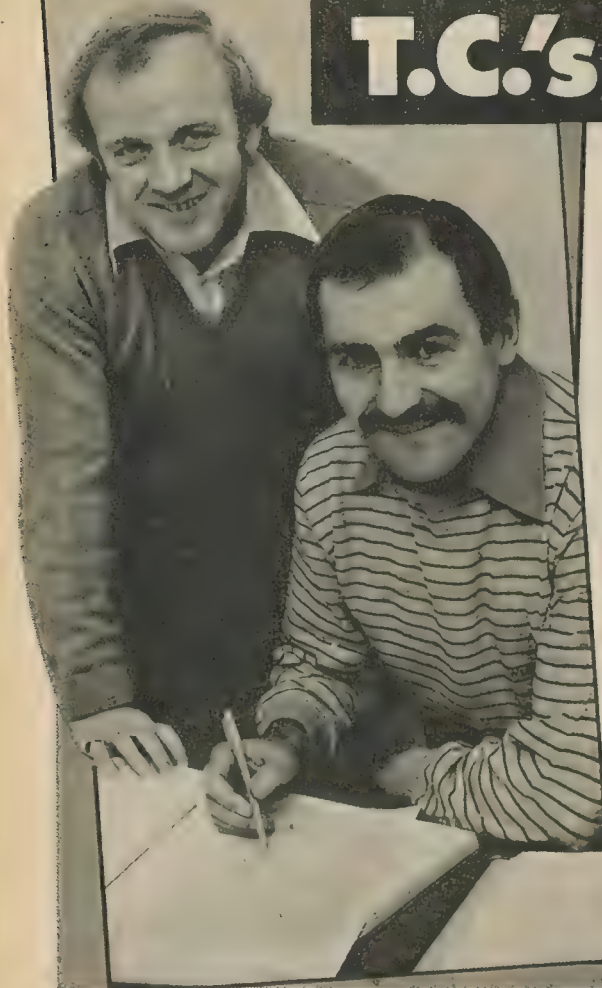
"As for what happens when I finally quit Spurs, I'm keeping an open mind. Management — TV or radio work — or running a sports complex. They all appeal to me.

"At one time Vee and I definitely planned to move back up North when I stopped playing. Now we're not so sure. London life definitely agrees with us!"



The England 'keeper passes on a few tips to his son Stephen.

T.C.'s still O.K.



FORMER England star Terry Cooper still has his sights set on a managerial career despite his recent unhappy experience in that capacity with Bristol Rovers.

But for the rest of the season the man once described by Pele as "the greatest left-back in the world" will be out to prove that even at 37 he's still as good as some of the young 'uns.

Still unable to conceal his delight at linking up with his ex-Leeds United skipper Billy Bremner, now manager of Third Division Doncaster Rovers, Cooper told SHOOT: "I'm grateful that Billy has shown his faith in me."

"Together, I'm sure that the experience we gained in Leeds' glory days under Don Revie will speed up the development of the many promising youngsters the boss has brought to Belle Vue in the past three years."

"It's encouraging to know that I'm still rated as a player. I'm certain Billy hasn't acted out of sentiment. He's as tough now as he was when he was leading Leeds and Scotland and every move he makes is designed to put Doncaster on the soccer map."

T.C., his popular nickname at Leeds, who still loves to attack down the left flank, admits that a few people have expressed surprise that he still wears the number three shirt. "But why not?" he asks. "I've looked after myself, kept myself in trim and what I lack in pace I compensate for with experience."

Home-loving Terry — he has three

children, aged 12, ten and nine — still finds time to combine soccer with business, although he says he couldn't run his two newsagents' shops in the North-East without help from two uncles.

"My priority must be to keep fit," he says. "Professional soccer is no place for someone who doesn't look after himself."

And at 37 it's even more crucial that a player should stay in good physical order. It's also important for a footballer to have a sense of humour. "Particularly in my case," laughs the affable Yorkshireman, who won 20 England caps between 1969 and 1975 and made nearly 300 appearances for Leeds.

'Feared'

"Some of my new team-mates at Doncaster tell me they used to visit Elland Road when they were very young schoolboys to see me and the boss (Billy Bremner) play for Leeds United when they were the most feared team in Europe!"

"And they love to hear us reminisce about what it was like playing for Leeds. One thing we've tried to pass on is the importance of team spirit. It stood Leeds in good stead and there's every sign it will work at Belle Vue."

Ask Cooper what was his most memorable moment in a career which has spanned Leeds, Middlesbrough, Bristol City and Bristol Rovers, England and now Doncaster and he fires back without hesitation: "The goal I scored in the 1968 League Cup Final against Arsenal at Wembley."

"It was the only goal — a real dream effort."

"That win gave Leeds their first major trophy."

Now in the autumn of a splendid career, Terry Cooper is looking forward to adding a Third Division Championship medal to the League Cup and League title honours that came his way at Elland Road.

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WATCHING the Michael Parkinson Show on TV, I've often laughed when guests have ribbed him about supporting Barnsley, his home town football club. But at Liverpool we're not treating our Fifth Round League Cup tie against Parky's lot as a laughing matter.

Barnsley, masterminded by that former England and Leeds stalwart Norman Hunter, are a team that demand to be taken seriously.

To get this far in the competition, they've already taken the scalps of three First Division clubs — Swansea, Brighton and Manchester City.

We're determined that now their giant-killing comes to a stop — here in the Fifth Round.

The League Cup is even more notorious than the F.A. Cup for shock upsets, mainly because the big clubs don't take it as seriously.

From what I've seen of Barnsley on TV, manager Norman Hunter has introduced touches from his former great club Leeds United. What strikes me most is the team's organisation and discipline, which makes them hard to break down and score against.

Many of their players I recognise as ones who originally, for one reason or another, failed to live up to their potential in earlier days with bigger, more famous clubs.

Ronnie Glavin I remember from his time with Celtic where once he was hailed as a future star. After around a hundred games he slipped from the limelight to come South to Barnsley where he played a key role in helping them win promotion from the Third Division last season and put them in line for another step up this term.

Ronnie is not only a tremendous



**PHIL
THOMPSON**
My soccer world

workhorse, he's got real talent, and apart from supplying his strikers with ammunition to fire also gets his name on the scoresheet most weeks.

He's backed up by Ian Evans, who with Crystal Palace and Q.P.R. was rated by many people, including me, as among the best centre-halves in Britain. He was also captain of Wales, and everything looked good for the lad until he suffered a broken leg which laid him low for a long time. Now his career is on the up and up again.

I've heard a lot of good reports about young Trevor Aylott, at last living up to the promise he showed as a youngster with Chelsea. Like Ronnie, he's always amongst the goals, so it's up to the likes of me to see that he goes away from Anfield empty-handed.

Winger Stewart Barrowclough, who began his football life with

Barnsley before rejoining them after a long spell with Newcastle United and shorter stays with Birmingham City and Bristol City, is not an unknown quantity to me. I know a great deal about him and the way he plays from talking to Terry McDermott and Alan Kennedy, who both played with him at United.

Although classed as a midfielder, Stewart operates very much as a winger who can either pull defences wide to sling over crosses or cut in and go for goal himself.

But there's no doubt that the most dangerous influence at Barnsley comes from someone on the sidelines — Norman Hunter himself who's very clever at moulding a side and reading a game.

An example of his thoroughness, his detailed approach, was given when he brought the entire Barnsley team to Anfield to watch our Fourth Round replay against Arsenal.

Unfortunately for him, but perhaps luckily for us, they couldn't have learned much. For 90 minutes we were shocking — even worse than in Tokyo when we looked like a collection of impostors in red shirts — and it was only in extra-time,

when we scored the three goals with no reply, that we did ourselves some justice.

One consolation is that so far in the competition we've done well in the goalscoring stakes, scoring eleven in the two-legged Second Round against Exeter, so setting up an all-time record in the League Cup, four against Middlesbrough in the Third Round, and the three-
some against Arsenal.

The draw has been kind giving us a home tie. The Oakwell Ground has already been the graveyard of fellow First Division clubs.

Boost

Our crowds so far for the League Cup have been well down, due to many of our hard-up supporters only having enough money to come to League and European Cup games, but I'm informed Barnsley reckon to bring something like 8,000 fans to boost the gate.

It'll be a fast, hard-fought tie, which I hope we not only win, but win well.

We'll be warming up for the tie with a League match on Saturday at Highbury against Arsenal, the team we knocked out in the Fourth Round.

Liverpool and Arsenal now know so much about each other the game could end in another deadlock at Highbury. I hope not. At this stage both clubs need the three points.

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GARY SHAW

Soccer as I see it



THE most exciting and encouraging aspect of the season for me is the number of young players who've made an impact on the game.

Almost every club you can think of has two or three youngsters establishing themselves in the first team.

This is the result of youth policies started several years ago. With so many clubs facing financial crises and unable to compete in today's inflated transfer market they simply have to develop their own talent. It is vital to their survival and future.

Aston Villa are fortunate. We've always had a thriving youth scheme and many of the present first squad have come up through the ranks.

One member of the youth team I played with, Colin Gibson, has only recently made the breakthrough.

made the biggest impact of all earlier this season . . . Tottenham striker Mark Falco.

I've known Mark since we played together for England Youth. As Steve Archibald wrote in his column recently, Mark is a natural goalscorer. Big, strong and brave his finishing is clinical.

He's also got bags of confidence which is vital for a striker.

Unfortunately, Mark's progress received a severe set-back because of injury. However, I understand he will be back in action soon, which will boost a Spurs strike force crippled by injuries.

Mark's team-mate Mike Hazard has also made a big impression this season, coming into midfield in place of Ricky Villa.

I've only seen Hazard on TV but he appears a typical Spurs player. What I mean is he enjoys playing

Paul won the Robinson's Barley Water Player of the Month award in October. Mark Falco was September's choice.

The November winner was Liverpool's Eire Under-21 midfielder Ron Whelan.

He was outstanding against England Under-21's at Anfield earlier this season.

As you know I was Robinson's Barley Water's Young Player of the Year last season and received the trophy from Ron Greenwood before the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley.

It's a

Tottenham's Mark Falco (above, on the ball) is a natural striker. Villa's Colin Gibson (left) began his career as a winger.

'The kids saving soccer'

Originally a left-winger, Colin has commanded the left-back position this season, keeping out Gary Williams and allowing Eamonn Deacy to take the midfield role of injured skipper Dennis Mortimer.

Colin has a great attitude to the game. He's an intelligent lad, very skilful, eager to learn and with a fanatical will to win.

He's also very self-critical and watches other players in his position trying to pick up points. Colin's favourite number three is Arsenal's Kenny Sansom.

As a former winger Colin is great at taking opponents on. Sometimes his final pass goes astray because of lack of concentration. But he's working hard to correct that slight flaw in his play.

Colin's a couple of years older than the youngster who perhaps

football, is skilful, good at one touch, has vision and is capable of scoring goals at vital periods.

Although Arsenal's youth policy is probably as good as any in the country it must be difficult for a young player to establish himself at Highbury because they have some exceptional players already on their books.

So, Chris Whyte, Brian McDermott, Paul Davis and Stewart Robson must have exceptional talent.

Paul Walsh, the Charlton striker, is another tipped for the very top. He has a powerful shot, good anticipation in the area and for such a small lad is lethal in the air.

I was talking to Ron Greenwood a while back and he described Paul as an exceptional player with a big future.

tremendous award and gives all youngsters an incentive to aim for. Apart from the trophy and cheque payable to the charity of your choice, the winner also receives a fabulous Rover car.

Being Young Player of the Year subconsciously puts pressure on you the following season. You've got a reputation to live up to, but it's a nice burden to carry.

There's a whole list of other exciting youngsters I'd like to mention but I'm afraid space has beaten me. Perhaps I'll save them for another time.

Cheers for now . . .

Colin Gibson





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C: Graeme Souness and John Wark looked skilled at hop Scotch!

D: Scottish reel — well, almost. John Wark and Graeme Souness might be team-mates for Scotland, but there's no quarter given when Ipswich and Liverpool clash.

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CONCACAF 'millionaires'

THE balance sheet for the CONCACAF World Cup play-offs in Honduras shows a clear profit of almost a million dollars.

Strangely, once FIFA and CONCACAF have taken their percentages, the rest of the cash will be distributed among the six participating nations according to their positions in the final table.

This means that Honduras and El Salvador get the lion's share, leaving modest returns for Mexico, Canada, Cuba and Haiti.



World Cup stadiums hit snags

BAD news from La Coruna, one of the 14 centres to be used during the World Cup Finals.

The upper tier on one of the stands has been declared unsafe by the authorities after cracks had been discovered.

Further investigation revealed that technically the concrete is in very poor condition and the chloride content is 40 times the safe maximum.

The only solution seems to be to pull the stand down and build a new one.

But there are only five months to go... Now read on.

SIXTY-FIVE feet long and 25 feet high. One hundred feet from the ground.

This is the skeleton of one of the brand-new electronic scoreboards being erected at Barcelona's Nou Camp stadium in time for the inaugural game of the World Cup.

Apart from publicity and match details the scoreboards can screen action replays and even interviews.

Despite the initial cost of £1.4m, the club reckons to make £250,000 per season of extra advertising revenue.

Unfortunately the scoreboard began its life on a poor footing.

Shortly after the picture above was taken, one of the heavy metal sections collapsed in a gale and destroyed part of the brand-new seating in the stand below!

News flashes

● The Brazilian clubs have won their fight to receive a percentage, probably five per cent of the total receipts of the weekly football pools from the government. It is expected that the payments will start in January.

● The New East German national team boss is 33-year-old Bernd Stange. He was assistant coach of FC Carl Zeiss Jena from 1976 to 1979 and then took

over the East German Under-21 team, runners up in the 1980 European Championship at the level.

● World Cup exit means lower League gates. That is the lesson from East Germany where the tenth round brought in an average of only 9,614 for the nine 'Oberliga' matches compared to the average for the season so far of 13,201 per game.

● Rumania's new

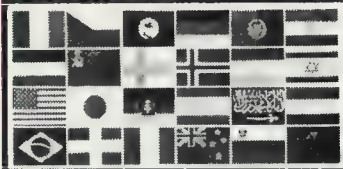
national team manager, Mircea Lucescu, is also player-manager of First Division club Corvinul who play at Hunedoara. One down at home to Universitatea Cluj, Lucescu put himself on as a substitute after 75 minutes and scored a dramatic equaliser two minutes from the end.

● Brazilian right winger Garrincha, star of the 1958 and 1962 World Cup winning teams, has a 19-year-old son who is also a right winger. He, too, is

known as Garrincha... "The Little Bird", but after coming up through the youth teams of Fluminense he failed to earn a first team place with the Rio club and is now playing in Portugal for Belenenses.

● Thirty players, including 14 internationals, have been suspended for life by the Zimbabwe F.A. after a string of abandoned matches caused by arguing with referees and refusing to go off when shown the red card.

WORLD WIDE



Compiled by CHRIS DAVIES

World Cup amnesty?

FIFA are discussing a proposal put forward by several countries to 'forget' yellow and red cards received by players in World Cup qualifying matches.

If players are suspended for games in the Finals First Round the two who did not have to play to qualify, Spain and Argentina, will be the only sides at full strength and that, it is claimed, would be unfair.

BRILLIANT BRAZIL

FLAMENGO (their star is Zico, right) won the World Club Championship in style. Liverpool, Champions of Europe, were reduced to also-rans against the Brazilian aces.

The Brazil national team toured England, France and Belgium last summer — and returned unbeaten.

They're favourites for the World Cup, and no wonder. They have little or nothing to fear from Europe, even the best of Europe.

Just look at Brazil's record against some of the European World Cup qualifiers:

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England.....	12	7	4	1	19	9
Scotland	5	3	2	0	5	1
N. Ireland Never played						

W. Germany	10	7	2	1	19	7
USSR.....	6	4	1	1	11	3
Belgium	2	1	1	0	6	5
France	6	4	1	1	16	10
Spain.....	6	4	1	1	15	8
Yugo.....	12	5	5	2	25	19
Czech.....	15	8	5	2	24	12
Italy.....	8	4	0	4	13	11

Brazil boss Tele Santana has spent a fair amount of time in Europe running his eye over possible World Cup opponents.

The one that's impressed him most is the Soviet Union, whom he reckons played the best football in Europe in 1981.

He puts Spain, West Germany and Belgium in the 'difficult to beat' category.

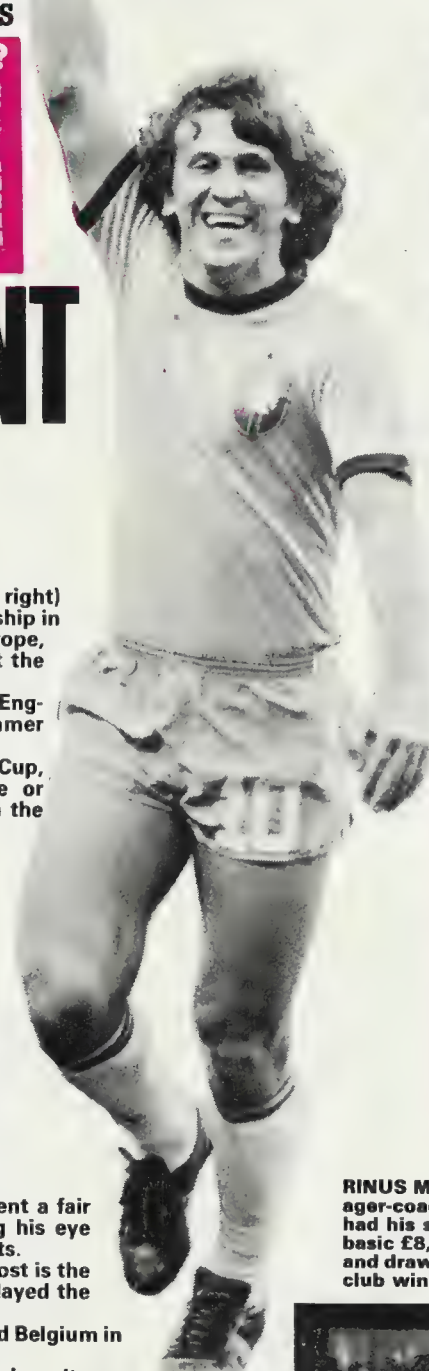
But the way Brazil are playing, I can't see anyone stopping them from winning their fourth World Cup trophy.

VAN HANEEM WALKOUT

FEYENOORD 5 PEC Zwolle 5 was an amazing score for these defence dominated days, but there is a story behind the score-line.

Feyenoord's veteran international Willem Van Hanegem now plays as a sweeper behind the defence but he was so disgusted with his colleagues that when Feyenoord threw away a 4-1 lead and were winning 4-3 he walked off the pitch.

Czech boss Vaclav Jezek sent on Hans Groenendijk as a substitute but Van Hanegem told the Press afterwards: "That's my last game for Feyenoord," but he later relented and withdrew the remark.



Jensen record

HENNING JENSEN, the former Danish international striker, has just completed what is believed to be a unique record.

In the last seven seasons the 32-year-old Jensen has won six Championship medals — firstly with Borussia Mönchengladbach (West Germany), then Real Madrid (Spain), then Ajax (Holland) and now Hvidovre in his native Denmark.

No other player has won four Championship medals in four different countries, it is thought.

RARE BIRD

AGOSTINO DI BARTOLOMEI, captain of AS Roma, is one of the big personalities in Italian football and is known amongst the Press and public as Cold Chicken, because of his introvert personality.

But he is a rare bird with direct free-kicks, sometimes scoring from 30 yards.

So far he has scored 36 goals from free-kicks in his 13 years in the First Division.

"I just practise a lot," he says, "but the big problem is that most defences do not get back the prescribed ten yards."

STRANGE incident in Seville, Spain, when four men snatched a young girl in the street and bundled her into a car.

"You're Diarte's daughter, aren't you?" they asked her.

And when she replied that she was the Betis striker's home help, they rapidly ditched her.

Diarte was playing a Cup game that night, but when he arrived home and heard the story he immediately notified the police of what looked like an attempted kidnap.

The strange thing is that the would-be kidnappers could confuse a 16-year-old home help with Diarte's four-year-old daughter!

RINUS MICHELS (below, right), the Dutch manager-coach of Tony Woodcock's Cologne, has had his salary leaked to the Press. He is paid a basic £8,750 per month, plus bonuses for wins and draws, and a big, but unknown bonus if the club win the League title.



WALLCHART 1982



Joe Hinnigan of Sunderland tries to stop Arsenal's Graham Rix.

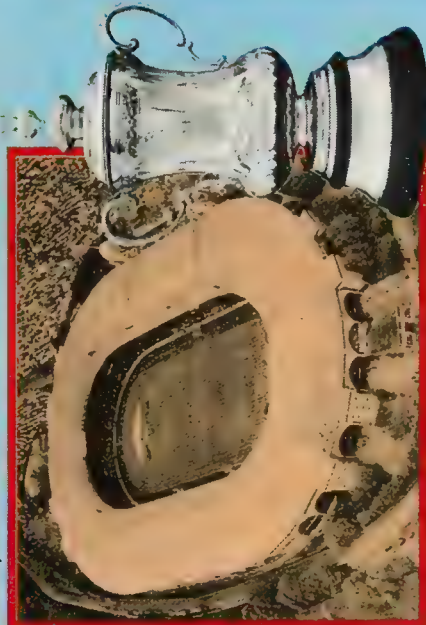


Dundee United super striker Paul Sturrock.



Southampton's Mike Channon gets past Birmingham full-back Mark Dennis.

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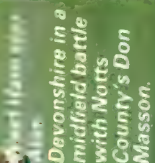
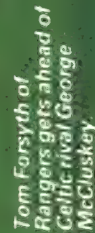
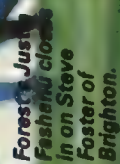
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SCOTLAND'S MID-TERM REPORT

EUROPE A PIECE OF CAKE IN DUNDEE!

THERE were sensations galore for Scottish teams on the European glory trail.

Celtic somersaulted out of the European Cup at the first hurdle, beaten by Juventus.

Rangers' stay in the Cup-Winners' Cup was equally brief and painful. They were hammered 3-0 in Czechoslovakia by Dukla Prague and although they won the second leg 2-1 they still waved farewell to Europe for another year.

It was left to Aberdeen and Dundee United to carry the flag in the UEFA Cup . . . and what a magnificent job they did of it, too.

Aberdeen eventually went out to Hamburger SV in the Third Round, but not before they had knocked out holders Ipswich in the First Round.

They carried that form into the Second Round where they beat Rumania's Arges Pitesti 5-2 on aggregate, but they blew their chances against Kaiser Franz Beckenbauer's Hamburger SV in the Third Round.

Dundee United, however, have made the Quarter-Finals of a European tournament for the first time in their history and they did it

with a fair amount of style.

They kicked off with a mesmerising 5-2 triumph AWAY from home against Monaco! There was a slight hiccup when they lost the return 2-1 at Tannadice, but there was never any danger of them not getting through.

It was in the Second Round that the Tannadice Terrors really blazed their name round Europe.

After losing their first leg 2-0 to West Germany's powerful Borussia Monchengladbach, they blasted their way to a stunning 5-0 victory at Tannadice with Ralph

Milne, Billy Kirkwood, Paul Sturrock, Paul Hegarty and Eamonn Bannon the marksmen.

And the United fans were treated to another magnificent five goal show in the Third Round as the Belgians of Winterslag, the team who knocked out Arsenal, were torn to shreds.

The first leg had ended in a goalless draw, but in the return United really opened fire and the goals flowed from Ralph Milne (2), Paul Hegarty, David Narey and Eamonn Bannon.

Those goals took United's tally to 16 in six European ties. Not bad going at all!

ALL'S WELL AT FIR PARK

MOTHERWELL were undoubtedly the shock team of the first six months North of the border.

They kicked off the season with five successive defeats in the League Cup — and sacked manager Ally MacLeod, the former Scotland international boss.

Davie Hay the ex-Chelsea midfield star took over . . . and now Motherwell are rocketing towards a place in the Premier Division and are blasting opponents all over the place with their astounding goal power.

Paul Hegarty (below, centre) scores for Dundee United against Borussia Monchengladbach in the UEFA Cup.



'Aitken set for Player

old complacency game before.

However, the one big feature which has pleased me about Celtic so far this season is our form away from home. It was sad that we went out to Juventus so early in the European Cup, for I think we would have been better prepared to take them on now.

Yet despite our departure — and that of Rangers — from European competition, Scottish football is flying high thanks to fine performances of Aberdeen and especially Dundee United in the UEFA Cup and Scotland in the World Cup.

And for those of you living in the South and not in too constant touch with the Scottish scene, I can assure you that the remarkable fountain of talent which keeps spurting out brilliant young Scottish players has never been in better shape.

I have told you all about Charlie Nicholas, Davie Moyse and Mark Reid of Celtic in this column before, but every club seems to have something special to offer.

Some critics seem to think that the Premier Division stifles young blood coming through, but I can think of brilliant young stars who kick that argument into touch.

In John Hewitt (right) and Eric Black, Aberdeen have the youngest strike force in the land.

Remarkable

Our own Roy Aitken (left) is having his best season and in my half term report is already marked down for the player of the year award. Better perhaps than even the remarkable Paul Sturrock who has blasted on to the scene in World Cup year like an orange and black hurricane.

At Morton the central defensive partnership of Neill Orr and Joe McLaughlin apparently outclassed the World Cup duo of Alex McLeish and Willie Miller in a League game against Aberdeen at Cappielow in early December. That says plenty about their skill.

And the team of the year so far —



IT'S half-time in the 81-82 soccer season — so allow me to present the Danny McGrain half term report.

In the League life is just a bowl of cherries for Celtic at the tail end of 1981 with the odds so heavily on us for the Championship that the bookmakers need a bit of sweet talking even to take a bet on us.

If there was a Christmas Carol we could have sung to our fans it would have been "O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant." The gap at the top of the table was that good in our favour:

Yet no one at Parkhead is taking it for granted that we will be sipping the old champagne in celebration of a Premier Division win in the spring. We have been caught at the

STRIKING PROBLEM

SCOTLAND became the first British team to qualify for the World Cup Finals in Spain when they got the point they needed in the goalless encounter against Northern Ireland in October.

Jock Stein had hoped to go through the section unbeaten, but his talented team faltered in the last game when they went down 2-1 to Portugal in Lisbon.

The Scots have certainly learned from their past experiences in the World Cup Finals. There is no ballyhoo this time around as there was when the team departed for Argentina in '78.

Things have gone fairly well on the World Cup trail for Stein and his cohorts, but there is a worry over the main striking roles at the moment.

Kenny Dalglish hasn't been as consistent this season as he has been in the past and only recently Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw described Steve Archibald's three goals in 17 games as "ridiculous".

Joe Jordan has been hampered



Scotland's Kenny Dalglish leaves Jimmy Nicholl of Northern Ireland on the ground during their 0-0 World Cup game.

by injury in Italy after a promising start, but the one ray of sunshine for Stein is the continued inspired form of Dundee United's Paul Sturrock.

Despite the avalanches of

criticism that has come Scotland's way on the World Cup front it is worth remembering that only one team has managed to beat them during the past two Finals in West Germany and Argentina.

That team was Peru who beat the Scots 3-2 in '78. Four years before that Scotland beat Zaire 2-0

and drew with Brazil (0-0) and Yugoslavia (1-1). In Argentina they drew 1-1 with Iran and beat Finalists Holland 3-2.

"Let's hope we can do even better in Spain", says Stein. "There are no promises, but everyone will be doing his very best for his country."

THREE MANAGERIAL SHOCKS

THERE were three major shocks on the Scottish managerial front as the season reached the halfway stage.

Former international supremo Ally MacLeod was sacked by Motherwell after only five League Cup games with his place going to assistant Davie Hay.

Englishman Tony Ford had hardly moved into the Hearts hot seat when he was dismissed after five months in charge! Ex-Rangers player Alex MacDonald was named as player coach with responsibilities for looking after the team until the end of the season as they try to fight their way back into the Premier Division.

One manager, however, who is not moving is Dundee United's mastermind Jim McLean, second in command to Jock Stein on the international scene.

There was speculation that McLean, whose present contract expires at the end of the season, would be moving from Tannadice, but there was more good news for United fans when he agreed to sign on again.

McLean, the longest serving manager in the Premier Division, once said the only thing certain about being a team boss was that one day you would be fired.

It seems he is determined on disproving his own theory!



TACKLE OF THE YEAR?

THE SFA Disciplinary Committee made history midway through the season by banning St Johnstone forward John Pelosi for SIX months after he had been ordered off against Dunfermline.

Pelosi's tackle on Jim Brown (left) has almost certainly ended the veteran Brown's career, who has played for both Hearts and Hibs in a distinguished career.

That sending off was Pelosi's second of the season... he suffered a similar fate during a League Cup tie against Celtic at Parkhead in August.

of the Year award'

Celtic apart, of course?

That must be Davie Hay's remarkable Motherwell who are on target to score 100 goals on their way to the First Division title. Every time I pick up the paper on a Saturday night now it is a major shock if 'Well haven't notched six goals on their way to another two points.

Frankly I don't think the Scottish public realise how good the football really is just now. The big disappointment of the season is the size of the crowds although I am glad to see that at last Dundee United are getting some reaction from the Tayside public through the turnstiles.

Mind you, I suppose it is all just another side of the economic recession, for gates in England are shrinking too.

Talking of England, that brings me to the next column of the McGrain half time report... the goal of the season so far.

I really have seen some crackers North of the border — George

McCluskey's recent stormer against Partick Thistle springs to mind immediately — but the best effort I have seen wasn't in Scotland. Come to think of it it wasn't actually a goal either!

It was that Kevin Keegan effort against Manchester United at The Dell which was screened in Scotland. I'm not exactly renowned as a goalscorer and if I got any at all chalked off — even a tap-in job — I would be far from happy.

But to see something like Keegan's wiped off the slate I would have gone absolutely loopy!

Meanwhile, the full term report round about next July should really make some interesting reading. Happy new World Cup year.

See you in two weeks.

Davy Hay

TARTAN TALK FROM RANGERS' ALLY DAWSON NEXT WEEK



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compiled by Keith Hackett

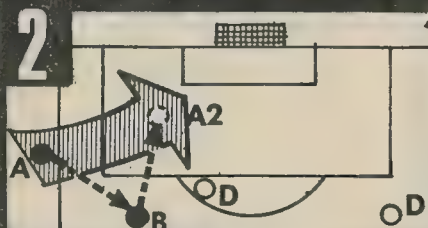


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A team in the process of taking five penalty-kicks to decide the winner of a Cup competition change the goalkeeper. An outfield player takes his place. Do you (a) allow the game to continue, allowing the change to take place or (b) refuse permission?



2



A throws to B then runs from the touchline to position A2. B passes the ball back to A in position A2 who then goes through and scores. Do you (a) allow the goal or (b) award an indirect free-kick for offside?

3



When the ball is on the halfway line, you notice the goalkeeper strike a forward in the penalty-area. Do you (a) award a penalty and send the goalkeeper off or (b) stop play, caution the keeper and restart the game with a drop ball?

MATCH POINT

The recent bad weather has made my job particularly difficult. When deciding whether a game can be played, your first priority must be player safety. You must also try to get an accurate weather forecast, because there is no use in starting a match if it is going to be turned into a farce by deteriorating conditions. And you must always consider the fans. A game cannot be played if the terraces are dangerous or if the exits from the ground are blocked. I postponed the Nottingham Forest v Ipswich game two days in advance because there was no way the pitch was going to get any better in those 48 hours, and I didn't want Ipswich or their fans to have a long journey in vain.

ANSWERS:

1. Allow the change to take place. A player is permitted to take place behind the referee's back. This type of serious offence is committed behind the referee's back. This is not going to get away with. Watch for off the ball offences. Play.

2. Award a penalty. A player is permitted to take place behind the referee's back. This is not going to get away with. Watch for off the ball offences. Play.

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EAST STIRLING (0) 0
MOTHERWELL (2) 6 (Carson, Forbes, Rafferty, Irvine, McLelland, McLaughlin pen) 970

HAMILTON (2) 2 (Brown, McDowell) 1,000
FALKIRK (0) 0

HEARTS (0) 1 (Pettigrew)
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 (McNiven pen) 3,971

ST JOHNSTONE (2) 5 (Weir 2, Morton, Mackay, Brogan)
DUMBARTON (1) 2 (Blair, Kenny pen) 1,776

Scottish Second

ARBROATH (0) 2 (Gavine, Yule) 560
ALLOA (1) 1 (McComb)

BERWICK (3) 6 (Lawson 3, Davidson, McCulloch, McGlynn)
ALBION (1) 1 (Burgess) 745

EAST FIFE (1) 2 (Caitness, Scott)
BRECHIN (0) 2 (Mackie, Henderson) 531

MEADOWBANK (1) 2 (Sproat, Godfrey)
CLYDE (2) 3 (Dempsey, Nevin, Hood) 350

MONTROSE (1) 2 (Campbell, Fletcher)
COWDENBEATH (1) 2 (Forrest pen, McFarland) 300

STIRLING (1) 2 (Kennedy, McNeil)
STENHOUSEMUR (1) 3 (Murray 2, Jenkins pen) 460

STRANRAER (0) 2 (Sweeney, Murphy)
FORFAR (0) 1 (McPhee) 506

Tuesday, Dec 8

First Division

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0
BRIGHTON (0) 2 (Ritchie, Gattling) 22,128
Southampton: Katalinic, Golac, Holmes, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Keegan, Channon, Moran, Armstrong, Ball.
Brighton: Moseley, Shanks, Nelson, Grealish, Foster, Gattling, Ryan, Smith, Ritchie, McNab, Thomas.

Football League Cup

(Fourth Round replay)

LIVERPOOL (0) 3 (Johnston, McDermott pen, Daiglish)
ARSENAL (0) 0 AET 21,375
Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Lawrenson, Kennedy (A), Kennedy (R), Hansen, Daiglish, Lee, Rush, McDermott, Souness.
Arsenal: Wood, Robson, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Whyte, Hollins, Sunderland, Davis, Nicholas (Hankin), Rix.

Postponed Crystal Palace v WBA.

Group Cup

(Quarter Finals)

BURNLEY (2) 2 (Scott, Holt) 2,658
WATFORD (0) 1 (Blissett)

NEWPORT (0) 0
GRIMSBY (1) 2 (Beacock, Drinkell) 2,206

Wednesday, Dec 9

U.E.F.A. CUP

(Third Round, second leg)

DUNDEE UTD (3) 5 (Bannon, Narey, Hegarty, Milne 2)
WINTERSLAG (0) 0 16,232
Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Holt, Maipas, Phillip, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Milne, Kirkwood, Sturrock, Dodds.
(Dundee Utd win 5-0 on agg.)

HAMBURGER SV (1) 3 (Hrubesch, Memering pen, Jakobs)
ABERDEEN (0) 1 (McGhee) 45,600
Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, McMaster, Watson, McLeish, Miller, Strachan (McGhee), Cooper, Black, Simpson, Hewitt.
(Hamburger SV win 5-4 on agg.)

Football League Cup

(Fourth Round)

Postponed: Crystal Palace v WBA; Everton v Ipswich.

Group Cup

(Quarter Final)

BRADFORD (1) 1 (Jackson)
SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Dungworth) 2,144
(AET Shrewsbury win 4-3 on penalties)

Saturday, Dec 12

First Division

COVENTRY (0) 0
MANCHESTER CITY (1) 1 (Tueart) 12,398
Coventry: Blyth, Thomas, Roberts (Kaiser), Jacobs, Dyson, Gillespie, Hendrie, Daly, Thompson, Hateley, Hunt.
Man City: Corrigan, Ranson, McDonald, Reid, Bond, Caton, Tueart, Reeves, Francis, Hartford, Hutchison.

LEEDS 0
TOTTENHAM 0 28,780
Leeds: Lukic, Cherry, Gray (F), Stevenson, Hart, Burns, Harris, Graham, Butterworth (Connor), Hamson, Hird.
Tottenham: Clemence, Hughton, Miller, Roberts, Hazard (Lacy), Perryman, Ardiles, Villa, Galvin, Hoddle, Crooks.



Brighton's Andy Ritchie.

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SWANSEA (1) 1 (James (R))
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 2 (Young, Robertson pen) 17,550
 Swansea: Davies, Robinson, Marustik, Rajkovic, Irwin, Mahoney, Curtis, James (R), James (L), Thompson, Latchford.
 Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gunn, Needham, Young, Gray, Roeder, Wallace, Fashanu, Proctor, Robertson.

Postponed: Arsenal v Middlesbrough; Aston Villa v WBA; Ipswich v Brighton; Man Utd v West Ham; Notts Co v Stoke; Sunderland v Southampton; Wolves v Everton.

Second Division

LEICESTER (1) 1 (Lineker)
WATFORD (1) 1 (Jenkins) 10,340
 Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Leat, Peake, May, O'Neill, Lynex, Hebbard, Lineker, Wilson, Kelly.
 Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Pritchett, Taylor, Terry, Bolton, Callaghan, Blissett, Jenkins (Armstrong), Jackett, Lohman.

QPR (0) 1 (Flanagan)
BARNLEY (0) 0 10,972
 QPR: Burridge, Gregory, Fenwick, Waddock, Howe, Roeder, Mickelwhite, Flanagan, Sealy (Foreday), Stewart, Gillard.
 Barnsley: Horn, Joyce, Chambers, Glavin, McCarthy, Evans, Riley, Aylott, McHale, Banks, Barrowclough.
 Postponed: Blackburn v Rotherham; Charlton v Cambridge; C. Palace v Cardiff; Derby v Oldham; Grimsby v Shrewsbury; Luton v Chelsea; Orient v Norwich; Sheff Wed v Bolton; Wrexham v Newcastle.

F.A. Cup

(Second Round)

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0
HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Cowling) 8,000
DONCASTER (2) 3 (Warboys 2, Little)
PENRITH (0) 0 6,282
DORCHESTER (1) 1 (Thorne)
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Funnell) 5,200
YORK 0
ALTRINCHAM 0 3,706



Tony Funnell of Bournemouth.

Scottish Premier

DUNDEE (1) 3 (McDonald, Sinclair, Fraser)
AIRDRIE (0) 0 4,000
 Dundee: Blair, Barr, McClelland, Fraser, Glennie, McDonald, Bell, Mackie, Sinclair, Ferguson, Kidd.
 Airdrie: Martin, Cairney, Rodgers, Anderson, March, Walker (Thompson), Flood, McKeown, Clark, McGuire (Steele), Gordon.

Postponed: Aberdeen v Rangers; Celtic v St Mirren; Morton v Hibs; Partick v Dundee United.

Scottish First

HAMILTON (0) 0
CLYDEBANK (1) 2 (Coyne, McKeown) 1,000
KILMARNOCK (0) 0
ST JOHNSTONE (1) 2 (Morton, Beedie) 1,811
 Postponed: Dumfries v Queen's Park; Falkirk v Dunfermline; Hearts v Ayr; QoS v East Stirling; Raith v Motherwell.

SHOOT/FOOTBALL LEAGUE BOOKS COMPETITION RESULT

In our Football League Books competition issue dated October 10 readers were invited to identify three League clubs from the clues given. The clubs were:

1 — Sheffield Wednesday; 2 — Ipswich; 3 — Chester.

Having considered all entries the judges chose the 100 neatest correct entries with age taken into account as being the best received. The senders of these entries each win a copy the official 1981-82 Football League Review. They are:

100 Winners (each a football league review book). Richard Addy, Sheffield; Linda Ayling, Chelmsford; Russell Barnard, Nantwich; Wayne Battye, Longlevens; Simon Bell, Newcastle upon Tyne; Ian Biles, Warley; Neil Blanchard, Skelmersdale; S. Borman, Colne; Kevin Brennan, Millstreet; George Browne, Bangor; Lawrence Burgess, Belfast; Alan Buttress, Cambridge; Ian Campbell, Blackridge; Glyn Carter, Gravesend; Rolf Carter, Middlesbrough; Andrew Cassell, London SW6; Michael Causton, Gloucester; Lee Channon, Gravesend; Nigel Chapman, Spalding; Michael Chenery, Welling; Lee Cottingham, Nottingham; Andrew Cowdrey, Manchester; Cary Dawes, Brighton; Leo Defoe, Basildon; Brian Desmond, Co. Cork; Andrew Dick, Glenmavis; Robin Dilleigh, Harpole; Malcolm Doran, London NW8; Miss L. Drake, Poole; David Edwards, Bradford; Wyn Evans, Llanwrda; Stuart Feakins, Brentwood; Mark Filby, Beccles; Alice Findlay, John O'Groats; David Fleming, Coatbridge; Douglas Folger, Huddersfield; Keith Forster, Brampton; Andrew Fowler, Dorchester; Keith Goldsmith, Clacton-on-Sea; Paul Gommans, Ashington; A. Grant, Morden; Andrew Green, Nottingham; David Green, Shifnal; Kevin Hamilton, Belfast; Tracy Harrington, Birmingham; Darren Harris, Birmingham; Darren Harris, Brixham; Timothy Healy, Kilrush; Mark Herbert,

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SHOOT/BRAUN COMPETITION RESULT

In our Braun competition issue dated October 24 readers were invited to place eight footballing qualities in the order that they considered them most important for a champion footballer.

Having considered all entries the judges chose the following selection as being the best received:

1 — B; 2 — E; 3 — D; 4 — C; 5 — L; 6 — A; 7 — K; 8 — J.

The sender of this solution, John Debono of Bushey Heath, Herts, is duly awarded the first prize of £1000 cash.

Senders of the 50 next best entries each win second prizes of Braun Synchron S electric shavers, they are:

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We regret that there is insufficient space to list the 100 runners-up who each win a 'I've had a close shave with Braun' T-shirt.

SHOOT/SEKONDA WATCHES RESULT

In our Sekonda watches competition issue dated November 7 readers were invited to answer three footballing questions, the correct answers were:

1 — Sweden; 2 — Three; 3 — Cambridge Utd.

Having considered all entries the judges chose the twelve neatest correct entries, with age taken into account, as being the best received. The senders of these entries each win a Sekonda Calculator watch, they are:

Alan Ballantyne, Sutton Coldfield; Craig Bendoris, Glasgow; Steven Brady, Bishop Auckland; John Hughes, Dudley; Mark Kelley, London E4; Graham Lawton, York;

Brynn Lewis, Prestatyn; Paul Lewis, Lydney; Peter Sanderson, Colchester; Ian Taylor, Sandstead; Ian Thompson, Camberley; Scott Walker, Cirencester.

BIG MATCHES OF THE DAY

Saturday, Jan 9

ARSENAL v LIVERPOOL

WHEN Liverpool first visited Arsenal for a Football League game 88 years ago they scored five goals without reply before the interval. Their matches have been much more evenly contested in recent years, especially at Highbury where Liverpool are a good bet to force a draw in a low-scoring contest. Indeed, they have drawn ten and won two of their 19 visits to Highbury.

Having already beaten Arsenal 2-0 at Anfield this season The Reds will be looking for their first double over The Gunners since their Championship-winning campaign of 1965-66.

VILLA v SUNDERLAND

VILLA PARK has never been one of Sunderland's favourite places and current form does not suggest that Saturday's visit will see the North-Easterners produce much improvement. In 1976-77 they were beaten 4-1, and last season they were trounced 4-0. Sunderland's only win in a run of ten visits to Villa Park was in 1973-74 when centre-half Dave Watson got their winner in a 2-1 victory.

EVERTON v SOUTHAMPTON

SINCE Saints were thrashed 8-0 at Goodison in November, 1971 with Joe Royle getting four goals they have shown a great improvement by winning twice and drawing once in five League visits to Everton. Last season Mike Channon sent Southampton into the lead at Goodison but they went down 2-1 through two Joe McBride penalties.

This penalty spree continued at The Dell earlier this season when Kevin Keegan scored Southampton's winner from the spot.

IPSWICH v MAN. UTD

THIS will be one of United's sternest tests of the season for Ipswich have recently become something of a bogey team. They have already beaten United 2-1 at Old Trafford this season while United have lost six of their last eight League visits to Portman Road.

Last season United managed to draw with a Sammy McIlroy penalty, but the year before that they were hammered 6-0.

WEST HAM v TOTTENHAM

THIS will be the 70th League derby between these London rivals and if this one is half as exciting as their last First Division game at Upton Park in 1976-77 then most of the fans will consider that they have had their money's worth. That game resulted in a 5-3 win for The Hammers, their highest-ever score against Spurs in a League game.

In September the Hammers beat Spurs 4-0 at White Hart Lane with David Cross getting all of the goals. If The Hammers complete the "double" this Saturday it will be their second in the last 12 seasons.

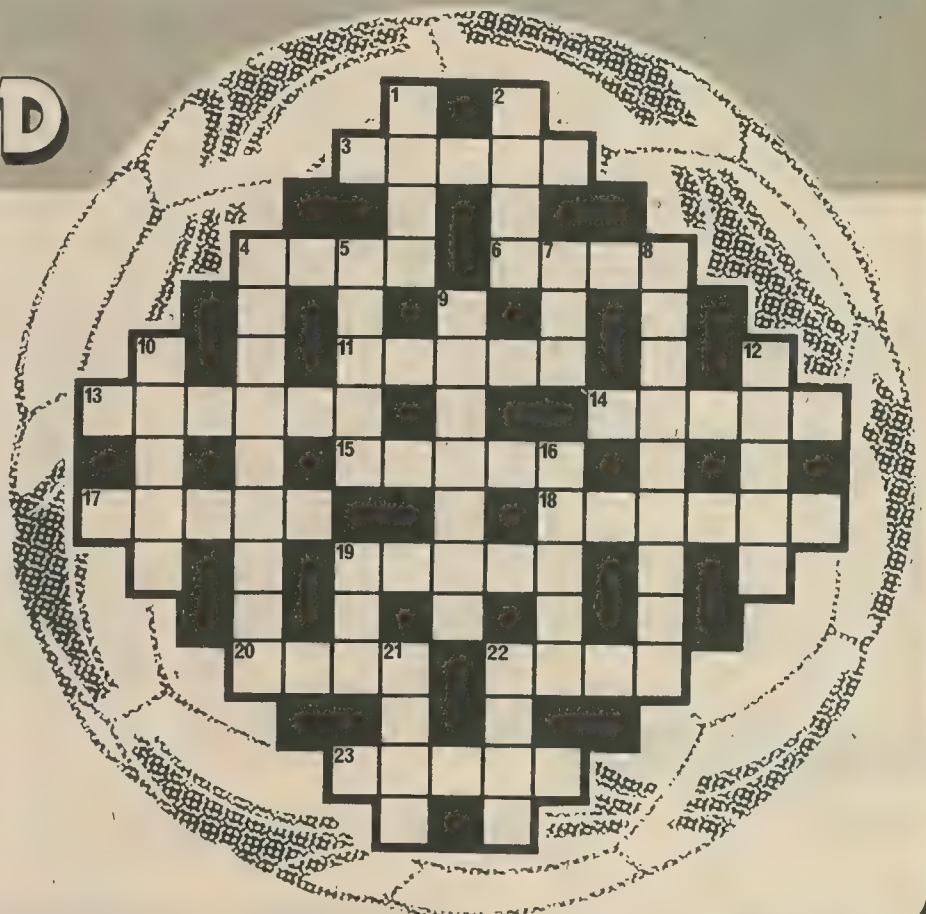
On the ball CROSSWORD

ACROSS:—

- (3) Alan —, Chelsea striker. (5)
 (4) Field — Ground; home of Mansfield Town. (4)
 (6) Andy —, W.B.A. midfielder player. (4)
 (11) — Palloseura; European Cup club from Finland. (5)
 (13) Derek —, Wolverhampton Wanderers defender. (6)
 (14) — Dare, Crystal Palace defender. (5)
 (15) Fashion or manner. (5)
 (17) Neil —, Brighton midfielder player. (5)
 (18) — Grimes, Manchester Utd player. (6)
 (19) Gesture of indifference using the shoulders. (5)
 (20) Kennington —; venue of the first F.A. Cup Final in 1871/72. (4)
 (22) — Clarke, Sunderland defender. (4)
 (23) Peter —, Aston Villa striker. (5)

DOWN:—

- (1) Alan —, Southampton midfielder. (4)
 (2) John —, Fulham midfielder player. (4)
 (4) Hackney born Spurs striker. (4 & 5)
 (5) Mike of Everton or John of Cambridge. (5)
 (7) Gerard McElh---ey of Bolton? (3)
 (8) Brian —, Leeds United defender. (9)
 (9) There are eleven in a full team. (7)
 (10) Nigel —, Grimsby Town 'keeper. (5)
 (12) Alan —, Everton striker (ex Derby). (5)
 (16) Large bird of prey as in the American team Go Ahead -----s. (5)
 (19) Chel--- play at Stamford Bridge Ground. (3)
 (21) A word meaning "put down" made from the initial letters of Aldershot, Leicester, Derby & Ipswich. (4)
 (22) — Hollins, Arsenal midfielder player. (4)



ANSWERS ON PAGE 29

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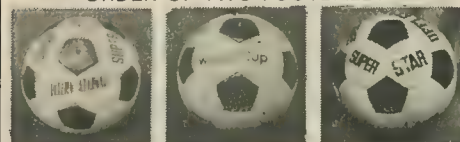
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happened too often for him to remain blameless. The manager and senior players have spoken to him and he should know by now how to control his temper. He is a very good player and should not let things take over. Word gets around and it doesn't do any good.

"Dennis has an atrocious record for a youngster. It is down to the individual — he is the only one who can curb his temper. We try to help them but at the end of the day, they have to help themselves."

Todd admits he is greatly concerned at Birmingham's unhappy tag. But he feels prospects for the future may be a little brighter. "I think the relationship between referees and

BIRMINGHAM Bad Boys

CAN Birmingham boss Jim Smith clampdown on the worst disciplinary record in the First Division? That's the question concerning Blues fans as Birmingham's bid to climb the table is undermined by an appalling disciplinary record.

It's a sad fact that some of Birmingham's brightest young players have just about the worst record for discipline. And it seems that tough guy Smith, never one to shirk a challenge, has to take up the cudgel to end a record which is not only a disgrace to his club but is also impeding Birmingham's bid for honours.

Mark Dennis, Kevin Broadhurst and Mark Dillon are three of the guilty youngsters. Dennis has been repeatedly criticised by Smith and other First Division managers and players for an attitude which borders on the insane.

His latest unsavoury outburst involved Southampton's Alan Ball and left Ball, his manager Lawrie McMenemy and Jim Smith all critical of the youngster's behaviour.

Dillon hasn't been sent-off as much as Dennis, who has already been dismissed five times in his young career. But Dillon had collected five bookings, all for dissent, within the first three months of the season — a record which speaks for itself.

Broadhurst, too, has been in trouble several times. And Birmingham's most experienced defender Colin Todd admits that

he has no time for the attitude of some of his young colleagues.

Todd says: "A lot of youngsters lack discipline today and not just in football. I suppose the record of these three players proves the point. Football is not immune to social problems and that is what has happened in this case."

"Any one stepping out of line at St. Andrews gets fined heavily. Jim Smith is very strict, yet that just hasn't solved the problem."

'Occur'

"It may be tempting to look back and say this never used to occur. But that is the truth of the matter."

"You got your hard tackling players but they were always fair and never argued with referees. There is no excuse for dissent to my way of thinking. Referees may make mistakes sometimes — it would be extraordinary if they didn't."

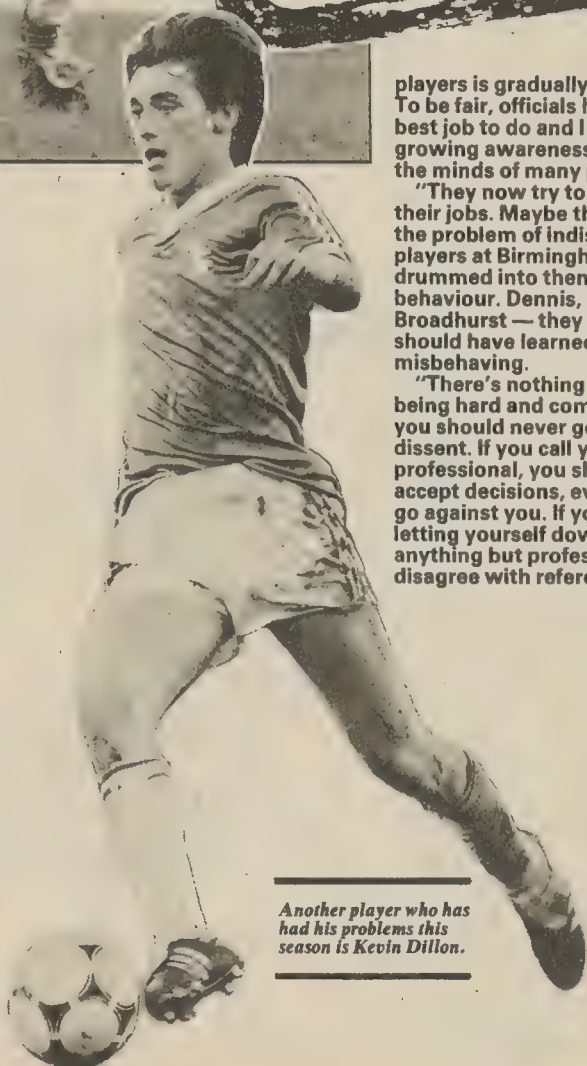
"I was sent-off twice earlier in my career at Birmingham. But those incidents were born of frustration at wanting to get us out of the Second Division."

"I had some sympathy for Mark Dennis when he first ran into these problems. But not now — it has

players is gradually getting better. To be fair, officials have not got the best job to do and I think there is a growing awareness of that fact in the minds of many players.

"They now try to help referees in their jobs. Maybe that will solve the problem of indiscipline. All the players at Birmingham have had it drummed into them about behaviour. Dennis, Dillon, Broadhurst — they and the others should have learned to stop misbehaving."

"There's nothing wrong with being hard and competitive. But you should never get booked for dissent. If you call yourself a professional, you should be able to accept decisions, even when they go against you. If you argue you're letting yourself down because it is anything but professional to disagree with referees."



Another player who has had his problems this season is Kevin Dillon.

'THE YEAR OF THE OLDIE'

YOU could say that 1981 was the Year of the Oldie. So many of the outstanding performers over the past 12 months have been at the veteran stage of their careers . . . John Hollins, Pat Jennings, Alan Ball, Archie Gemmill, Billy Bonds — not to mention the return to big-

time European soccer of Franz Beckenbauer and Johan Cruyff.

There's no secret. No magic pill you can take when you're 30 that will keep you going for another five or six years.

The reason John Hollins is still playing regularly — and well — for Arsenal is that he loves football so much.

He's taken care of himself and has a genuine love of the game. So do the other players I mentioned earlier and I'd like to think I stand alongside them in this respect.

Whether I'll still be doing the business at 35 is another matter, although I think I'll still be there at 32 or 33.

I don't see myself moving back from midfield to defence.

I'm not quick enough to be a full-back or sweeper.

I have to be careful what I eat. If I so much as look at a cream cake I put on weight. We go out very little, especially since our son Ross was born recently.

Maybe once at the weekend and once in the week, that's all. A player can take a few more liberties when he's young, but when you reach mid-20's you have to change slightly.

John Hollins must be the supreme example to any youngster. If an apprentice modelled himself on Holly he wouldn't go far wrong. And that's what came home to me when we were together at Chelsea.

It was a shame that neither Alan Ball nor Martin Peters hit it off as a manager. Ballie's form with Southampton even had people talking of an England comeback, while Peters, in his last season with Norwich, was



RAY WILKINS
Writes for you

consistently impressive.

Maybe both of them expected too much from their players from the lower Divisions.

Ballie is one of England's best one-touch midfielders and his Blackpool players wouldn't be able to match him.

I hope they both have another chance in management because they'd both love to give something back to the game.

I was interested to see Arsenal had offered goalkeeper Pat Jennings a three-year contract, taking him to his 40th birthday. I keep looking for signs of Pat slowing down, but I haven't noticed any.

You rarely see Pat diving, because his positioning is so good he doesn't need to throw himself about.

Young players today have more distractions than when I came in football. Don't think apprentices earn a fortune, though. Their mates working elsewhere probably earn more.

My pay with Chelsea was £7.50 a week and while that was a few

years ago, it wasn't a great deal of money.

I like to chat with the United youngsters. One asked my advice just before Christmas and I told him how much I thought he should ask for when his contract came up for renewal.

It's a hard life for them, not all glamour. If I ever give apprentices advice, it is simply to work hard, listen and learn . . . and look after your money.

This Saturday (January 9th) I'll probably be facing another First Division veteran going strong — Ipswich skipper Mick Mills.

Glad

Mick's a good pal of mine and Jackie and I spent three days with Mick and his wife last summer. I was glad for him he said "no" to the offer by Sunderland to join them with a view to coaching.

He's still got something to offer as a player and would have been sick had it not worked out. The offers will come when Mick decides to call it a day. I'm sure.

United can't afford to lose at Portman Road. Our record against them in the past few seasons isn't too good, but we're in the mood to get something on Saturday.

Join me again in a fortnight.

Ray Wilkins

"John Hollins (left) is still playing well for Arsenal. Alan Ball (below, centre) is one of the best one-touch players in the Football League."



QUIZ TIME

PICTURE PUZZLE

Study the action photograph (right), taken during a Sheffield Wednesday v Cardiff clash this season, and see if you can answer the following questions about the game and the two clubs.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

While the referee is consulting his rule book see if you can spot the twelve differences between these two pictures.



ANSWERS

LEAGUE CUP: 1. 3-1, 2. Selhurst Park, 3. Steve McMahon, 4. Wark.
SPOT THE DIFFERENCE: 1. Flag has appeared on stadium roof, 2. Roof support altered, 3. Scorers' hand different, 4. Lower player's expression changed, 5. Lower player's leg in different position, 6. Back's boot has come off, 7. Goalkeeper has grown a moustache, 8. Pattern altered on ball, 9. Player on goal line has stretched his arm, 10. Goal-line no longer straight, 11. Player on ground has changed his number, 12. Front studs missing from his boots.
COMPUTER PUZZLE: 1. Blackpool, 2. Everton, 3. Bertie Mee, 4. Blackpool, 5. March.
TRUE OR FALSE: 1. True, 2. True, 3. False — he is an Elfre cap, 4. False — he scored the second, 5. True.
PICTURE PUZZLE: 1. Terry Curran, 2. Dave Bennett, 3. Bryan the Southampton against Nottingham Forest in the 1979 League Cup Final and Bennett, 4. No City against Spurs, 4. No more, 5. Wednesday at at Millan Park.
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ON THE BALL ANSWERS

ACROSS: — (3) Mayes, (4) Mill, (6) King, (11) Oulun, (13) Parkin, (14) Kevin, (15) Style, (17) McNab, (18) Ashley, (19) Shrug, (20) Oval, (22) Jeff, (23) Withe.

DOWN: — (1) Ball, (2) Beck, (4) Mark Falco, (5) Lyons, (7) Inn, (8) Greenhoff, (9) Players, (10) Batch, (12) Biley, (16) Eagle, (19) Sea, (21) Laid, (22) John.

COMPUTER PUZZLE

ALAN BALL

Programme this star player by plugging the gaps in his career.

1. Ball began his League career with
2. After starring for England in the 1966 World Cup Final win against West Germany he was transferred to
3. A cheque for over £200,000 meant Ball was on the move again. He was signed by Arsenal manager
4. He played 177 League games for The Gunners before joining Southampton. Following 132 League games he left The Dell to become player-manager of
5. In, 1980 he was re-signed by Saints.

Computer performance rating: 5 Superb; 4 Excellent; 3 Good.

TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Non-League Enfield beat Third Division Wimbledon 4-1 in the F.A. Cup Second Round.
2. Two goals by Robbie James on Tuesday, December 15th for Swansea City in their 2-1 home win against Aston Villa put The Swans on top of the First Division.
3. Manchester United's Paddy Roche is a Northern Ireland international goalkeeper.

4. Former Liverpool star Tommy Smith scored the first goal in their 3-1 1977 European Cup Final victory against Borussia Monchengladbach.

5. Stoke City's Alan Dodd (right) has spent his entire career at the Victoria Ground.



1. Can you identify the Sheffield Wednesday player in stripes?
2. And the Cardiff City striker?
3. Both these players have appeared in major Cup Finals at Wembley. In which competitions and for which clubs?
4. Have Cardiff City won the First Division Championship more times than Wednesday?
5. Where do the two clubs play their home games?

LEAGUE CUP

The two outstanding League Cup Fourth Round ties were played recently. Can you answer the following questions about the games?

1. Crystal Palace were beaten 1-0, 2-1 or 3-1 by West Bromwich Albion?
2. Was the game played at Selhurst Park, home of Palace, or The Hawthorns, West Bromwich?
3. The other tie was played at Goodison Park between Everton and Ipswich Town. After trailing 2-0 at half-time, Everton pulled back to 2-2, thanks to a double from which player?
4. Did Alan Brazil, Frans Thijssen or John Wark score the third and winning goal for Bobby Robson's team?

NORWICH CITY



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

IF EVER a manager deserved a break it is Ken Brown. Hours after John Bond quit Norwich last season, Brown applied for the job. Norwich chairman Sir Arthur South told him bluntly that there was no point in him showing interest. Brown persisted and Norwich finally agreed to appoint him after years as Bond's second in command. Norwich made a valiant attempt to escape relegation from the First Division last season, but succumbed when they lost their final home game and plummeted into the Second.

Ken Brown kept his job but found himself under pressure a few weeks ago when the newspapers were full of reports that Norwich were poised to dismiss him after failing to maintain the improvement the club showed towards the end of last season. "Downright lies were printed," says the

Norwich manager, who denies that the board are unhappy with the club's efforts this season.

Whatever the situation, Ken Brown needs some breathing space in which to convince the Carrow Road hierarchy that he is worthy of succeeding the more outspoken John Bond.

Everything has been stacked against Brown since his controversial appointment. Staff were lured away by Manchester City when Bond departed. Justin Fashanu, the club's prized asset, was transferred to Nottingham Forest for £1 million, and Martin O'Neill, one of the First Division's most influential midfield players, went to Manchester City.

An exit of manager, coaching staff and star players is hard to endure, but Ken Brown quietly counted his losses and got on with the job.

Reports that the board had offered him a "vote of confidence" have done nothing to boost his confidence.

Fortunately he is more durable than some of Norwich's illustrious predecessors and looks forward

to the second half of the season with renewed optimism.

"If we can't gain promotion this season, we'll do it next," he promises.

He bases his hopes on an experienced first team squad, strengthened by John Deehan's arrival from West Bromwich Albion on loan, and the emergence of a fine crop of young players, including 19-year-old striker John Fashanu, younger brother of Justin.

Injuries have blunted Norwich's hopes of making a greater impact this season, despite their efforts. Former Everton, Manchester City and Bristol City striker Joe Royle, born in Liverpool but firmly committed to Norwich, is recovering from an operation on his knee, and David Bennett, Mark Bertram and Dave Watson have been sidelined.

HONOURS

Second Division Champions 1921-72
Third Division (South) Champions 1933-34
League Cup Winners 1962

BACK ROW (left to right): Ken Brown (manager), Ross Jack, Joe Royle, Steve Watford, Chris Woods, Dave Watson, Keith Bertschin, Dave Bennett, Tim Shepherd (physio), Mel Weston (coach).

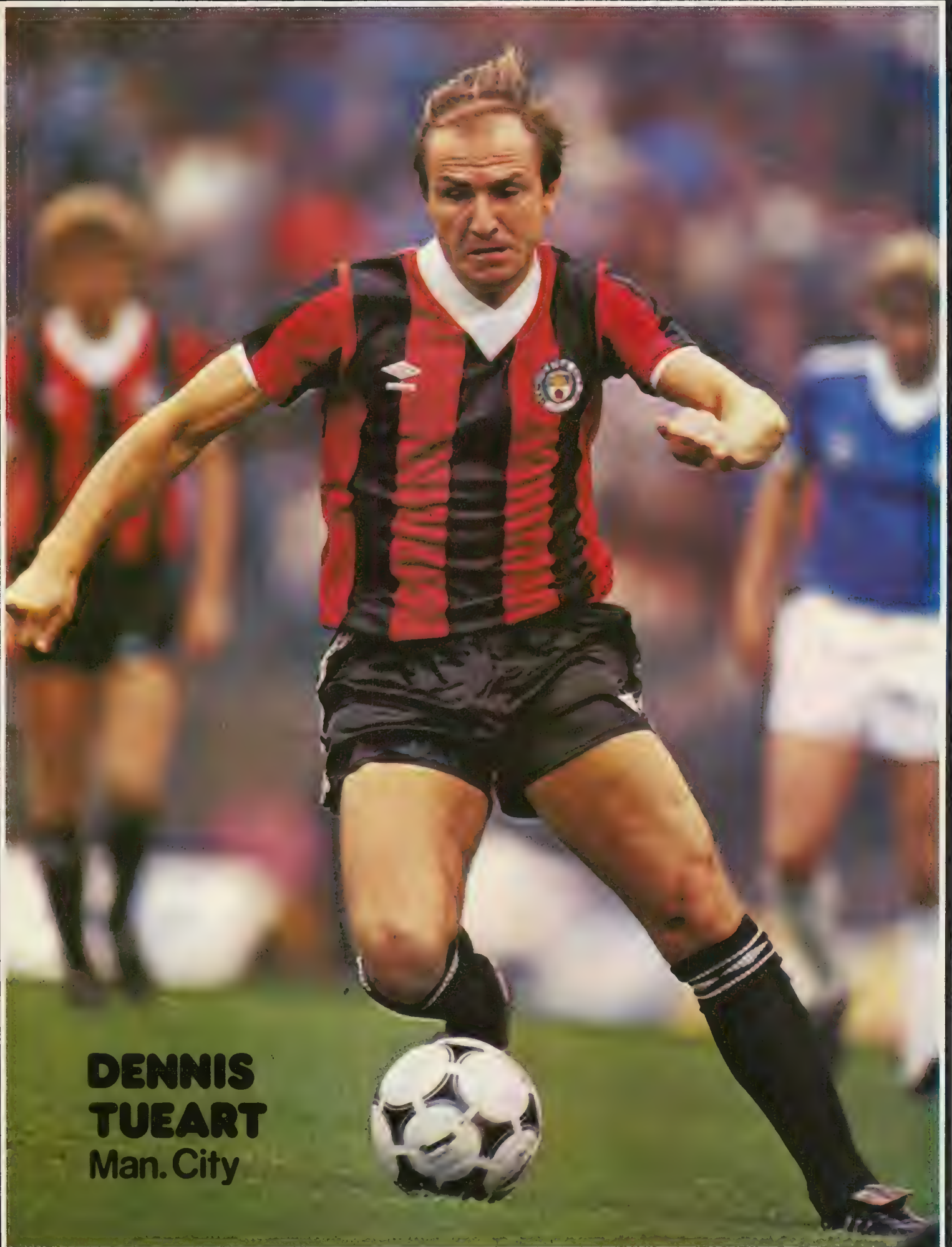
FRONT ROW: Mark Bertram, Darren Muzumbe, Mick McGuire, Richard Simmonds, Peter Mendham, Carl Baker, Greg Sheppard, Mark Nightingale, Phil Woodley, Graham Fiddoon (now Minerva), Greg Downs.

lined also through injury.

The capture of Steve Watford from Arsenal, Willie Donachie from Manchester City and the arrival of Keith Bertschin from Birmingham plus the promise of Scott Ross Jack — eight goals in Norwich's first 13 games — strengthens Ken Brown's belief that the club can regain First Division status.

"We've kept most of our support since relegation and the players and staff are working hard and enthusiastically."

"People forget that it was a heck of a job to take over. You can't work miracles overnight," argues Ken Brown.



**DENNIS
TUEART**
Man. City

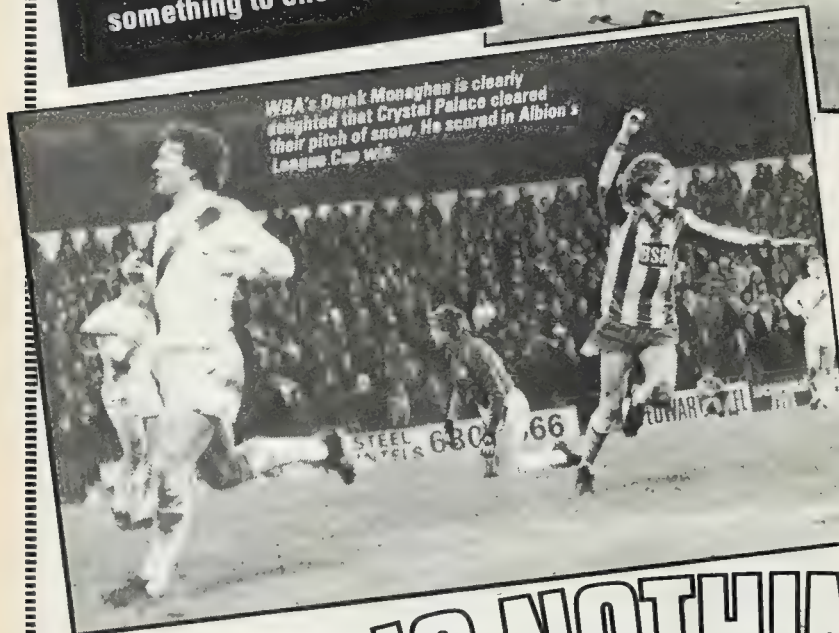
SHOOT!

The recent snow and ice has meant that the great majority of fans have had to forego their usual ration of soccer lately. But at least some clubs have managed to beat the weather to give us something to cheer.



It takes a brave man to dive on a rock hard pitch, and perhaps Leeds' Gary Hamson deserved better with this header in the goalless draw with Spurs at Elland Road.

They closed the terraces and swept the snow off the pitch, but Queens Park Rangers have benefited from the use of their artificial pitch. Mike Flanagan (hoops) was the man who clinched all three points against Barnsley.



WBA's Derek Monaghan is clearly delighted that Crystal Palace cleared their pitch of snow. He scored in Albion's League Cup win.



THERE IS NOTHING LIKE A GAME



Not even Arsenal's undersoil heating could beat the snow, so the Highbury groundstaff enjoyed the break.

'MY SHAME'

MY three match ban for topping 20 disciplinary points has given me a painful jolt when everything seemed to be going so well for me at Nottingham Forest.

I must admit that my overriding conclusion after missing three games is to say that I will do my utmost not to annoy referees again this season.

I can promise you that I have never deliberately set out to foul another player. I go in hard, the First Division demands that, but my sole intention is to win possession, not leave a defender on his back clutching a leg in agony.

First Division football is played at such a pace that errors in judgment are bound to occur, with tackles sometimes mistimed resulting in



Fashanu goes into the book once again. Forest's new signing Jurgen Roerber (left).

bodily contact. Most of my bookings have come from accidental collisions, which leave a referee no option but to produce his notebook.

What is the use of spending £1 million on a player if he is not available because of suspension? That is the dilemma which concerns Brian Clough and Peter Taylor.

Sorry

It worries me greatly too, as I want to go on record as saying that I am sorry and will make every effort humanly possible to befriend referees rather than offend them.

Villains win few friends in sport. John McEnroe is admired the world over for his ability to play tennis, but his "super brat" image brings him more enemies than is good for him.

Dennis Lillee, probably the greatest fast bowler in the world for the past ten years, upset his admirers with a dust-up with Pakistan's batsman Javed Miandad. The pictures of the incident were beamed round the world by

'Fash' under fire

BRIAN Clough delivered a chilling blast at Justin Fashanu after the Forest striker received a three match ban.

This is what the Forest boss said: "If results go well while Justin is out, he might just have to have a go in the reserves to sort himself out."

On the ball
with
FASHANU



and Willie Young, two highly experienced players who will be valuable assets in Forest's efforts to win a trophy this season.

Roerber's football pedigree is impressive. He has played for Werder Bremen — his first club, Bayern Munich, and Calgary Boomers in the North American Soccer League.

Marathon

His unselfish running reminds me of the marathon efforts of players like Archie Gemmill and Alan Ball — and his use of the long ball is devastatingly accurate.

Willie Young is what is known as a "player's player". He is one of the hardest defenders in the country for a striker to attempt to dominate. Willie's robust challenges and stomping runs upfield bring games to life.

The 30-year-old Scot was the darling of Arsenal's North Bank, making almost 200 League appearances for them before seeking a fresh challenge at Forest.

Typically, he wasted no time stamping his authority on Forest's performances, flicking a beautiful header beyond Dai Davies on his debut for us at Swansea. So it's all systems go for Jurgen and Willie.

Forgive me for feeling a bit down in the dumps. My January feeling will soon pass. I just want a slice of the action — and a chance to redeem myself in the eyes of the Forest management and the fans.

Look after yourselves . . .

Justin Fashanu

television.

The Paul Ringer incident in the England-Wales rugby international at Twickenham a couple of years gained more publicity than the actual game — and rugby was the loser.

Certainly most football managers will not tolerate rough stuff. "If you don't behave yourself on the pitch, how can you ask the fans to behave themselves on the terraces?" is their attitude.

Nottingham Forest's fans, now among the best behaved in the country, were set on the right lines a few years back by Brian Clough when he produced his "stop swearing" poster at the City Ground.

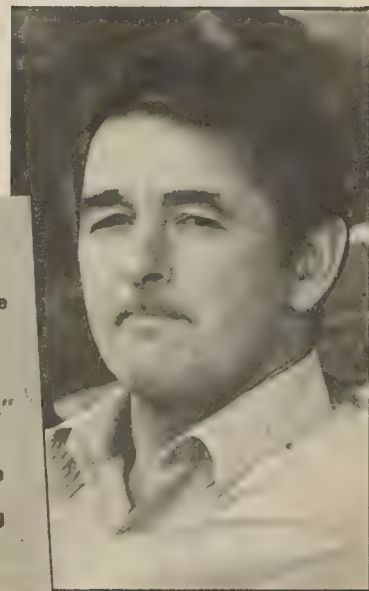
So from now on my behaviour will be beyond reproach. That's a promise.

Enough of the bad stuff. Let's talk football. The Clough-Taylor team appear to have pulled off another master stroke capturing Jurgen Roerber, a 27-year-old West German "B" international midfielder,

"I hope he spends his time out of action thinking about how to channel all his efforts into playing centre-forward and how to get the goals he is capable of scoring."

Justin has been booked half a dozen times, but none of them to my knowledge have come from getting hurt in the six-yard box."

More sympathetically, Clough added: "In the football world Justin is still a baby and I know he needs help, advice and encouragement. I'll do everything in my power to point him in the right direction."



BOBBY Moncur, the polished, commanding defender of Newcastle United and Scotland, knows the Football League from top to bottom — manager of Carlisle in the far North and now in charge of Plymouth Argyle in the deep South-West.

Add in his brilliant playing career at Newcastle and Sunderland in the North-East and his highly successful managership of Hearts — the famed Edinburgh club he restored to the Scottish Premier Division — and you have one of football's most widely travelled troubleshooters.

"I strongly fancied the job at Plymouth because this is a club where there is so much potential," he states. Then he adds quickly: "But that is something I will not talk about. I think that Argyle supporters have had 'potential' talk up to their necks."

'Response'

"What they want now is success. It's my job to give it to them and then the response from them will come. The hard part of the job is to get the club heading in the right direction. Our start this season was appalling: two points from our opening eleven games."

"Never in all my years in football have I gone through anything like that. We followed that by an unbeaten run of six matches that included four wins and, personally,

MONCUR'S FIGHT



I felt that I saw signs of real hope... but there is a long, long way to go.

"It is pointless yet to start talking in terms of taking Argyle back to the Second Division. Our exact situation is that we have a fight on our hands to avoid relegation to the Fourth. Let's win that one before we start talking about what might happen one day."

Moncur as articulate and authoritative as a television panel expert as he was commanding on

the pitch, looks to Ipswich and Swansea City to confirm his conviction that football can prosper away from the London-Midlands-North mainstream. He deliberately sought a challenge at Home Park — and that is what he's got!

He set his style of managership from the start. David Kemp, hustling marksman with 28 first team goals last season, was quickly dropped from the first team.

"David made it plain before I came and then to me when I arrived that he wanted a move," explains Moncur.

"With his contract running out, I had to look for someone to do the job — and do it for quite a while. So I signed Jeff Cook from Stoke and he quickly responded with five goals as our form picked up. Then Andy Rogers came from Southampton to provide service from the wing."

Skipper George Foster, another outstanding Argyle player last season, also lost his place as Moncur worked for what he wanted in a

major shake up. Geoff Crudgington, goalkeeper for Swansea in their promotion year from the Third Division, eagerly took the captaincy... and away went Argyle on that spurt of much needed victories.

"It was amazing to see the confidence go up by leaps and bounds the moment we won our first League game," says skipper Crudgington.

"It is difficult to make any kind of prediction at the moment. One moment, we were losing everything: the next, winning points game by game. Bobby Moncur has been in charge for such a short while that any comment is difficult — but I believe that time will show him to be very good for the players."

'Clarity'

"He is extremely positive in his attitudes. He knows exactly what he wants and he puts his points across with great clarity. It is up to us to benefit from his experience in the game. I'm sure in my own mind that there is the talent at Home Park to give him a chance."

"Once we settle down, I'm confident that we will show ourselves to be one of the better sides in the Third Division. He is not short of youngsters with talent: Leigh Cooper, Kevin Hodges, Wales Youth cap David Phillips and several others."

It is essential for Argyle's future that manager Moncur quickly establishes them as poised, demanding first team players.

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This week's Star Letter comes from Luke Hallinan of Radyr, Cardiff, who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes:

STAY ON GRASS

FOOTBALL is a game which was designed to be played on grass. Whether the surface is hard, soft, wet, dry or muddy, players have learnt to adjust to the varying conditions.

I was amazed the authorities gave Q.P.R. permission to install their Omniturf pitch. It was giving Rangers a huge advantage for 21 home games, which has been proved.

They have the chance to practise on the surface and play on it regularly, while opponents have next to no time.

I find it difficult to see how the Q.P.R. players can enjoy the pitch, with its unnatural bounce and exceptional pace.

Grass has been okay for over a hundred years. Why change now?

● I found it ironic that during the recent freeze many games that were played on bone hard pitches were just like matches on Omniturf.



Regis a must

WHEN Ron Greenwood selects his 22 players for Spain, Cyrille Regis must be among them.

Since bursting on to the scene in 1977, Regis has been remarkably consistent.

After Paul Mariner's disappointing performances for England — despite scoring the winner against Hungary — it's clear that Regis, with his speed, strength and ability in the air is the man for England in Spain.

NICK THORNE,
OXFORD.

● Mariner disagrees (see opening spread), but the way Regis is playing it's almost impossible for Greenwood NOT to give him a chance against Northern Ireland next month.

Doc 'has nothing'

SO Tommy Docherty has been sacked yet again.

It's about time the men who run football realised that Tommy may have had something as a player... but he certainly doesn't as a manager.

TOMMY MORAN,
SLIGO.

● He has charisma and that's why he'll be back in a job — somewhere — before too long.

There's always '86

AS an Irish fan I was disappointed to hear that France beat Cyprus to ensure their World Cup qualification at the Republic's expense.

But there's always 1986 and with luck next time the Republic will qualify.

Most of the present squad will still be around — O'Leary will be only 28, O'Callaghan 24, and by then other young Irish stars will have emerged.

ROSE KELLY,
CO. DONEGAL.

● I also hope the Republic stay faithful to manager Eoin Hand, who I think has done an extremely good job.

Anfield sieve

I WOULD like to congratulate the Aston Villa ground staff on the work they have done in making Villa's pitch into one of the best in Britain. Just a few years ago it was a bog, only fit for a hippopotamus.

On the other hand look at the state of Liverpool's pitch. What on earth are those divots? I think Anfield is turning into a gigantic sieve.

STEPHEN HOPE,
BLANTYRE.

● Yes, the Anfield pitch hardly seems suited to the players who grace it. Considering Liverpool have spent millions of pounds on players, they seem to have neglected the pitch.

More of Morley

RON GREENWOOD must start to include Glenn Hoddle and Tony Morley in his team on a regular basis.

The danger Morley can cause was seen against Hungary, while Hoddle is one of the few English players whose skills rank alongside the South Americans.

D. CARTER,
LOUGHTON.

● Greenwood would need to field 30 men if he included all the players he's supposed to! I fancy Morley and Cyrille Regis will win full caps against N. Ireland next month.

Seeding all wrong

I THINK it's all wrong that England are to be seeded in the World Cup. They may have won the World Cup, but that was 16 years ago.

If it wasn't for Switzerland beating Rumania England wouldn't have qualified.

TONY BLACK,
LONDON.

● Even England agree they're fortunate to be seeded — it wasn't their decision and they didn't ask. What do you expect a country to do when it's just qualified for the World Cup Finals? Keep quiet? Perhaps if Scotland had done that four years ago they'd have done better...

Controversial Curran

NEWS that the season's best known running battle, between Sheffield Wednesday manager Jack Charlton and winger Terry Curran, resulted in a transfer request came as no surprise.

One hopes the rift will be healed, but reading between the lines of Curran's Super Focus in a recent issue suggests he is a somewhat controversial character.

His childhood hero was George Best... he admires Ilie Nastase and Hurricane Higgins... Charlie George is one of his best players. Every one a hell raiser! How could he leave out John McEnroe, the daddy of 'em all?

Don Revie, as manager of Leeds, had to use all his powers of persuasion to convince Big Jack that if he settled down, pulled up his socks and stopped feuding he'd play for England.

Maybe Charlton should try a similar session with Curran.

GARRY CLARK,
BEECHWOOD.

● It could be the Irresistible Force and the Immovable Object, though!



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Baseball

As a Canadian, I'm naturally intrigued to know why Derby County's home is called the Baseball Ground.

DREW KYLE,
CANADA

● It's said, Drew, that a wealthy local 19th-century businessman named Sir Francis Ley was so impressed with baseball while on a trip to America that he started a club on a site near his factory when he returned home to Derby.

But the game didn't really catch on there, and Derby County took over the ground for their own sport.

Shortest

Who was the shortest player ever to play in a full international for England?

MICHAEL O'BYRNE,
EIRE

● Must almost certainly have been "Fanny" Warden — real name Fred — who gained a full cap on each side of the first World War, Michael!

Tottenham's right-wing flier stood only 5ft 2½ins., and weighed under nine stone.

But for the long Wartime gap, his 213 League games for Spurs would have been many more.

"Fanny" was also a prominent cricketer for Northants — later becoming one of the Test Umpires who stood at The Oval in 1938 when Len Hutton made his historic 364 against Australia.

Wembley's history

Can you tell me when Wembley Stadium was built, how much it cost, and what was the first football match there?

FAIZAL ESAT,
ZIMBABWE

● The famous Stadium was actually built for the 1924 Empire Exhibition, Faizal — and was, at least originally, meant to be pulled down after a couple of years!

First match there was the 1923 F.A. Cup Final, in which Bolton beat West Ham 2-0.

The cost of building the stadium was £750,000 — not much more than the gate receipts of a Final nowadays, and about half the current value of a top-class striker!

SHORT PASSES

● Goal-nets were invented and patented by John Brodie in 1890. They were first used in an F.A. Cup Final the following year.

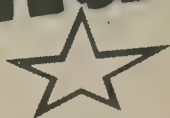
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● Norman Hunter played 543 League games for Leeds, and played in 28 full internationals for England.

(JONATHAN OCKLETON, Nottingham)

Short Passes are replies to readers' letters.

RANGERS' SuperMac



TWENTY-years-old John MacDonald remains as quiet off the field as he was when he first appeared in the Rangers' first team at the beginning of John Greig's reign as boss.

The success which has seen MacDonald play such a notable part in winning the Scottish Cup last season, scoring goals frequently this season, and bursting into the Scottish Under-21 team, has not changed him.

He stays out of the limelight off field as much as he thrusts himself into the limelight on the field.

There seems to be a special Cup touch about MacDonald. His goals in last year's Scottish Cup Final replay helped destroy Dundee United.

Then, in this season's League Cup Semi-Final he stepped in to help the Ibrox men beat St Mirren with a late goal.

Admits MacDonald: "I do like playing in Cup games because there is a special excitement about them.

"Getting that goal against St Mirren was great for me and for the club.

"Also it has been a boost to me this season getting a few goals

because I was out of the side when the season started.

"The boss kept telling me that I was still in his plans, but I had to wait until I could force my way back into the side.

"It's difficult sitting on the sidelines but I knew that the manager had faith in me and I knew that I would get my chance."

MacDonald's career at Ibrox has been something of a stop and start thing. Mainly because Greig has been aware that MacDonald's special talents needed time and patience before finally flowering.

'Patient'

MacDonald has understood that and admits: "I just had to be patient but it was good to hear the boss say after the St Mirren match that he had to give me my head so to speak, that he didn't want to hold me back any longer.

"I've been in the team steadily since then and I've been able to get a few goals and I feel ready to stay in the side."

MacDonald's skills and courage are admired by others besides Greig. One is Scotland boss Jock Stein who has had him a member of his Under-21 side since last season.



Last year he scored for the team and helped them into the European Championship Quarter-Finals.

"That's a bonus," smiles the Rangers' babe. "It's great to be part of the international scene especially when it is so exciting.

"Really I'm looking on it as another part of my education. You learn new things when you step up at any international level particularly when you are playing against foreign opposition.

"If we get the right kind of draw then I think we can do well. That — and success with Rangers — are all I'm looking for right now."

They've certainly been the best for MacDonald — just ask any Ibrox fan!

Johnston follows the Melrose pattern



HE has the same kind of floppy red hair, plays in the same position, and so Maurice Johnston is inevitably tagged a Jim Melrose look-alike as he carves out his career with Partick Thistle.

Goalkeeper Alan Rough has seen the likeness to his former teammate who is currently grabbing goals for Leicester City.

But Johnston himself, an 18-year-old who has burst on to the Firhill scene since the start of the season, doesn't see it himself.

"I don't think I even play the same way as he does. But, again, we're both front players and that adds to the picture."

Mind you, there's still more to the Johnston-Melrose Identikit outfit — for Johnston has been

scoring goals and attracting top club scouts.

He made his debut this season in the League Cup and then dropped out as Peter Cormack's men began their Premier Division campaign.

After a disastrous opening when Thistle lost their first five matches and were anchored at the foot of the Top Ten Johnston came back.

In the following five games Thistle didn't lose and Johnston was outstanding.

He scored against Rangers at Ibrox and afterwards he said simply: "We knew that the Rangers' game was going to be hard but I thought we played really well. We deserved to beat them."

"I suppose I felt a bit over-awed but that wore off when the game started. It's the biggest game I'd played in, of course, and I was up against players I'd only seen from the terracing before.

"But the boss and the other players helped calm me down before the game.

"It was a bonus scoring one of the goals that day at Ibrox. I think that kind of thing helps your confidence, too.

"The Premier Division is difficult to play in but I've enjoyed it.

'Invited'

"I started off with a juvenile team, Milton Battlefield, and when Pat Quinns was assistant manager at Firhill he invited me along.

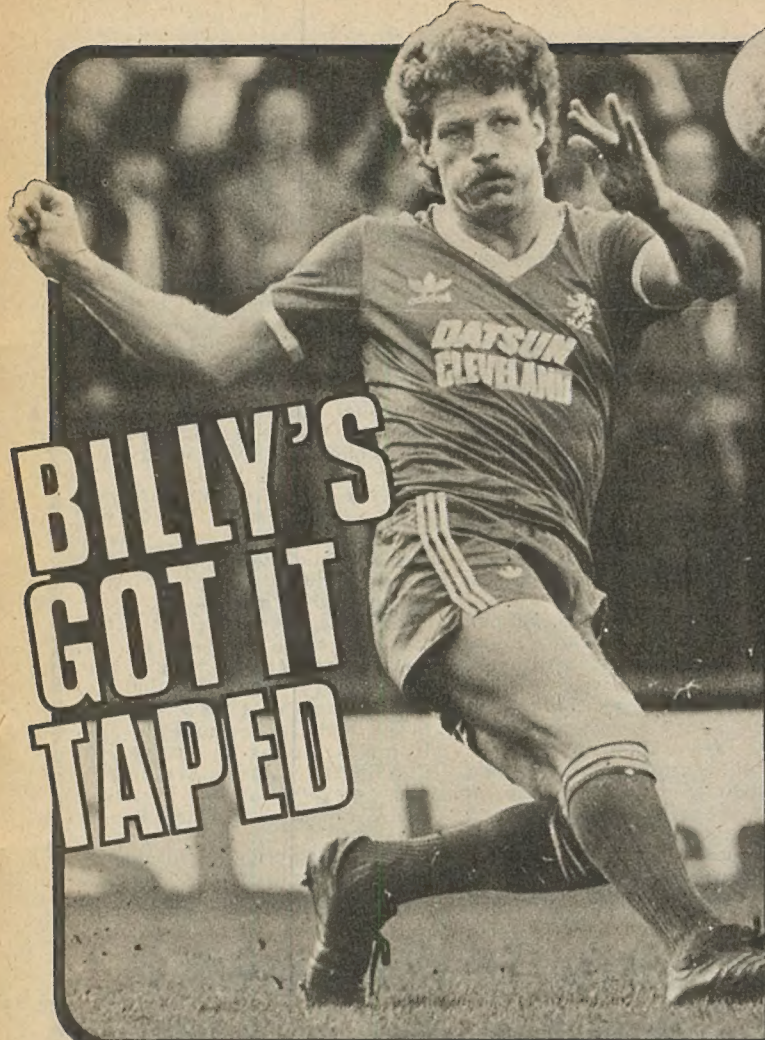
"Then Pat left with Bertie Auld to go to Hibs and the boss has been working hard with me since.

"I didn't expect to get a chance so quickly and I'm just happy that I was able to come in and help the team string together a few results.

"I don't have any great ambitions. All I really want is to help Thistle be successful. That would be enough for me at the moment."

But there's little doubt that Maurice Johnston will get more than that from his soccer life.

It could well be that the Melrose pattern which is emerging will continue and Johnston could soon be another six figure export to the South.



BILLY'S GOT IT TAPED

BILLY Ashcroft, who made over 200 League appearances for Wrexham before joining his present club, Middlesbrough, in September, 1977, has a major conviction. He says: "I'm a better centre-forward now than I was when I started."

And to reinforce his belief in himself as a striker, Billy runs a critical eye over his performances, which he has on video-tape.

He says: "Watching the tape, I can see how my positional play at centre-forward has improved. For example, I notice that I'm getting into positions in front of defenders, instead of standing behind them, and this has helped to raise the overall standard of my game."

But while Ashcroft is striving to enhance his qualities as a striker, he has found it difficult during the last two seasons to concentrate exclusively on goal-getting.

At Ayresome, he has alternated between the back-four and up front, and 1981-82 term has been an unsettled one for him.

Ashcroft has played in the reserves, appeared in the first team, been injured, turned out as a centre-half and at centre-forward, and was placed on the transfer list.

"I've got so that I just try to adjust to any situation that crops up. At one stage, when I was out of action, I was delighted to be selected, regardless of which spot I was filling."

It was in November that Ashcroft hit the headlines when he was brought on as substitute in the closing stages of the League match against Aston Villa, to score twice in five minutes and enable Middlesbrough to snatch a spectacular 3-3 draw.

And following Billy's two-goal rescue act, Middlesbrough manager Bobby Murdoch said: "We have had talks, and Ashcroft wants to fight for his place with Boro."

If Ashcroft does stay on Teesside, he is aware that he could continue to be switched between attack and defence, a pattern which was set for him by former Boro boss John Neal.

'Willing'

"I had great faith in Mr Neal," says Billy. "At Wrexham, where he was manager at the time I was there, I did my best for him wherever he asked me to play. And when he brought me to Middlesbrough I was willing to move from centre-forward to centre-half."

As a central defender, Ashcroft performed with great success for two years at Ayresome, before manager Murdoch suggested during last close season that it was time for another switch.

And Billy says: "I respect what the boss has done for the team in difficult circumstances since he took over, and what he is trying to do. So I worked at polishing up my centre-forward game in the summer, and although things haven't turned out as I hoped this term I'm not complaining."

BRIGHTON goalkeeper Graham Moseley is the greatest illustration in the First Division of the changing fortunes of football.

Moseley was a regular as Brighton climbed towards the upper reaches of the First Division, in the first few months of the season.

Neither Brighton nor Moseley had expected such success so early in the campaign under new manager Mike Bailey.

Yet just 12 weeks earlier, Moseley had been on the soccer scrapheap, preparing to start the season either with a new club or in Brighton's second team.

Deputy

Moseley had been in the reserves since mid-January when manager Alan Mullery suddenly bought Fulham's deputy goalkeeper Perry Digweed, for £150,000 and put him straight into the Brighton first team — at Moseley's expense.

"Alan Mullery blamed me for some goals, and did it publicly," says Moseley.

"I was hurt, and my confidence suffered. When it all happened, I was almost glad to get a rest from the pressure which had been building up."

"I played in the reserves for the rest of the season and got my confidence back."

Moseley knew he would have to leave Brighton, probably during the close season.

But manager Mullery beat him to it, following a disagreement with chairman Mike Bamber. And suddenly, things were turning full cycle.

"I knew what Perry was thinking," said Moseley.

"I went through it last season and it isn't nice. You feel as though your whole world has fallen down."

"Your future is uncertain, you don't know what to do for the best."

Mullery's departure boosted Moseley

"Mike Bailey told us he would see every one of us play in pre-season and judge us on our form," said Moseley.

"Alan Mullery's departure was the best thing that could have happened to me. I had no future while he was at Brighton."

Moseley impressed in pre-season training and on a club tour of Holland before the League season began.

He got the vote above Digweed for the early League games and apart from an injury which kept him out of the home game with Liverpool was ever-present as the season moved into November.

His form had been consistent and to a high standard. Probably the only man upset with the outcome was Perry Digweed.

Moseley has learned the value of realism, if he ever lacked such a quality.

"I suppose it could

happen again," he

says. "But I do

feel I'm a

better player

now. The

training is

different,

and I am

trying to put

a little bit more into it myself to try

and ensure it doesn't happen again."

"I missed First Division football a

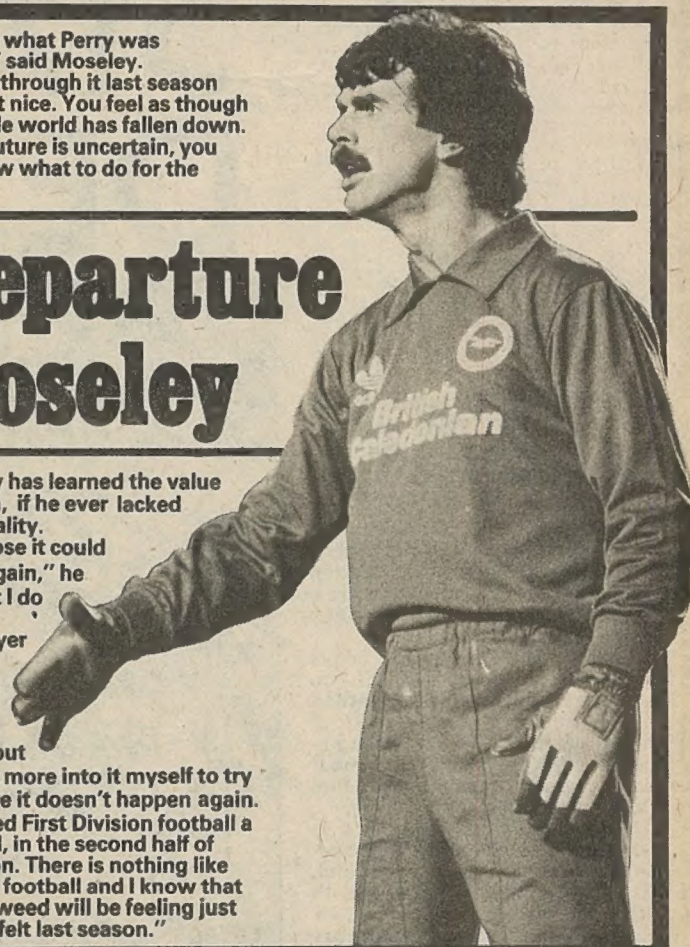
great deal, in the second half of

last season. There is nothing like

first team football and I know that

Perry Digweed will be feeling just

the way I felt last season."





ended the football world lay at Stapleton's feet.

Foreign clubs wanted him to follow in the footsteps of Kevin Keegan, Liam Brady, Laurie Cunningham and Tony Woodcock. And the best in the League prepared to form a queue at Highbury.

Stapleton, quiet, intelligent and now doubly aware of his responsibilities since a May marriage, surveyed the scene.

"I always had a soft spot for United as a youngster in Dublin," says Stapleton. "But professional footballers do not allow sentiment to come into such a vital decision."

'Survival'

"Being realistic, if United had faced a battle for First Division survival all season, I doubt if I would have been that keen to join them."

"But I believe that the club and the squad is geared for winning things, something I became accustomed to at Highbury."

"Having said that, there is no doubt that Manchester, and United have been involved in many of my career crossroads, and I sometimes think this was all meant to be. I've certainly settled down quicker than I had ever dared hope."

"Garry Birtles and I have struck up a good partnership. We have

helped each other over a difficult time, and have both scored goals and laid them on for each other."

"The fans have been fabulous to me, and looking down from the top of the table I have a gut feeling that the view may continue until next May!"

United paid around £900,000 to bring Stapleton to Old Trafford... yet they had him in their hands for a whole week as a 15-year-old and failed to spot what Arsenal saw in the raw, ambitious teenager.

"I spent a week with United as a teenager, but they were unable to make up their minds so I returned to Dublin. That was the Easter of 1972."

"Two months later Arsenal brought me over for a quick trial and sent me home 24 hours later. But they made up their minds that I had something to offer and I accepted their invitation."

"Wolves, who gave me a trial had also come straight back and told me they wanted me to join them. But I liked the look of Arsenal and the rest is on record."

The rest, as he modestly puts it, involves three successive F.A. Cup Final appearances at Wembley and playing in a European Cup-Winners' Cup Final against Valencia.

"The highlight of my footballing life so far just has to be collecting a winners' medal at Wembley in

Joining Manchester United was STAPLETON'S DESTINY

IT NAGS away at the back of Frank Stapleton's mind, the recurring thought that he was somehow destined to join Manchester United.

The Republic of Ireland centre-forward made his name in London with Arsenal after turning down Wolves, who made it clear they wanted him at Molineux.

But United have figured in his life time and again, and it is no surprise that Stapleton has settled down to become the new idol of the Stretford End after a settling-in period at Old Trafford that most players would need just to find their way around the stadium.

At 25, Dublin-born Stapleton is established as one of the best centre-forwards in Europe. Skilful, dangerous in the air, accurate with either foot, strong and brave, he comprises all the talents necessary to cope with modern defences.

And when his Arsenal contract



Garry Birtles (white shorts) has struck up a good understanding with Stapleton.

1979 when we made up for our dismal display against Ipswich in the previous year's Final. I headed our second goal in a 3-2 win... over Manchester United!

His forward partners at Highbury — John Radford, Malcolm MacDonald and Alan Sunderland — could have been specially chosen to bring out the best of Stapleton's game, so well did they operate. But Birtles is a different type of player, and on paper, less likely to form an ideal duo.

'Talents'

"There is something in that argument," says Stapleton. "I suppose Alan Sunderland was the best partner for me because we combined our talents and both scored and created goals. But Garry is a very talented player."

"There is the danger that we may go looking for the same ball, but this is no problem. I think our League position shows that our whole team is functioning as a unit."

Certainly the Old Trafford faithful have taken Stapleton to their hearts. And he is responding with exciting displays of skill, pace, power... and goals.

His marriage to Christine in May just adds to Stapleton's conviction that destiny has played a part in his career. "Chris was born in Manchester, and supports United," he adds. "What more can I say!"

NO one realises the difficulty of holding down a Liverpool first team spot more than Sammy Lee.

Following a stomach injury, the stocky midfielder has had to face up to the fact that competition for a place in the Anfield line-up is as strong as ever.

And Lee, who skippered England's Under-21 team for the first time against Switzerland at Neuchatel last May, has no illusions about the task ahead of him. He has been confronted with a similar problem with the Merseysiders before.

Says Sammy: "I was in Liverpool reserves for three or four years and struggling to break into the first team. I couldn't shift Ian Callaghan. Then Graeme Souness came along, the greatest midfielder in the country, and I thought I'd never dislodge him.

"Worse, I couldn't go to the boss shouting my head off for a chance, because I wasn't doing myself justice in the second team. In the end I got in only through injuries.

"And more recently, being on

the injury list cost me my place. Now, once again, I'm aiming at regular inclusion in the League side, and once again, there is no shortage of contenders.

"Among them is Ronnie Whelan, who got my place and is a fine player who will want to make it his own, so there is no way I can relax."

Judged on his overall game for Liverpool, the possibility of Lee relaxing is unlikely — he is a wholehearted competitor who has gained in confidence through experience.

"During my early days in the first team I was conscious of the big-name players around me, and to guard against making mistakes, always attempted to do the simple thing. I didn't hang on to the ball, but got rid of it quickly and cut out any frills.

"It was at this time that the established players helped me to fit in by encouraging me all the way. I'll forever be in debt to Phil Neal for the backing he gave me,

WATCH SAMMY RUN!



and Graeme Souness was constantly advising me and keeping me right.

"In fact, everybody at Anfield was friendly and co-operative, and eventually I became more adventurous on the field."

And while Sammy has made his contribution to the Merseysiders on the pitch, his family have rallied round with their vocal support.

"My father has been a staunch Liverpool fan ever since he started to watch football, and there are no divided loyalties in our clan."

Crack

To some fans, Liverpool look as though they are having a thin time in Division One this season, based on the club's high standards. But Lee sees no sign of a crack in the Anfield facade.

"We are better than some of our results signify," says Sammy. "There are matches which we've drawn or lost which we should have won, and in the second half of the term we'll prove we aren't slipping.

"One of the reasons it's so hard to stay in the team is due to us having a big pool of top-notch players. The men who keep their places in the first team have to be good, and they are the players who will take us to the top."

Having tasted success with Liverpool, Lee is eager to be part of the side in future, and confesses this is his biggest ambition.

"Playing for England is the dream of most players, but although I would love a full cap for my country, I most of all want to be a Liverpool first choice for mid-field."

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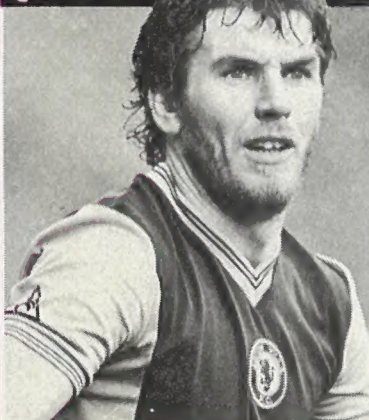


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WEIGHT: 12st 12lbs
MARRIED: Yes, to Julie
CHILDREN: Luan Samantha, four
CAR: Datsun
PREVIOUS CLUB: Birmingham City
JOB OR TRADE BEFORE:
TURNING PRO: Joined Birmingham from school
NICKNAME: None
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Sun
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A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: John Pender
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FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Being with my wife and child
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Freddie Goodwin and Coventry physio George Dalton, two magnificent men whose debt I shall always be in
SUPERSTITIONS: None
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